

(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

REVISED VERSION

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization International Bureau



(43) International Publication Date
16 September 2004 (16.09.2004)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number
WO 2004/078905 A2

(51) International Patent Classification⁷: **C12N 15/82**,
15/29, A01H 5/00

AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN,
CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI,
GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE,
KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD,
MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NA, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG,
PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SY, TJ, TM,
TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM,
ZW.

(21) International Application Number:
PCT/BE2004/000035

(22) International Filing Date: 8 March 2004 (08.03.2004)

(25) Filing Language: English

(84) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of regional protection available): ARIPO (BW, GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SI, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

(26) Publication Language: English

Published:

— with declaration under Article 17(2)(a); without abstract; title not checked by the International Searching Authority

(30) Priority Data:
60/453,271 7 March 2003 (07.03.2003) US

(48) Date of publication of this revised version:

16 December 2004

(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES [BE/BE]; Avenue F. D. Roosevelt, 50 CP 161, B-1050 Brussels (BE).

(15) Information about Correction:

see PCT Gazette No. 51/2004 of 16 December 2004, Section II

(72) Inventors; and
(75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): VERBRUGGEN, Nathalie [BE/BE]; Avenue Ernest Renan, 25, B-1030 Brussels (BE). BERNARD, Catherine [BE/BE]; Rue Vanderborght, 18, B-1081 Brussels (BE).

For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.

(74) Agents: VAN MALDEREN, Joëlle et al.; Office Van Malderen, Place Reine Fabiola, 6/1, B-1083 Brussels (BE).

(81) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of national protection available): AE, AG, AL, AM,

WO 2004/078905 A2

(54) Title: AGENTS FOR PHYTOREMEDIATION

(57) Abstract:

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

PCT

DECLARATION OF NON-ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 17(2)(a), Rules 13ter.1(c) and Rule 39)

Applicant's or agent's file reference BP.ULB080BWO	IMPORTANT DECLARATION	Date of mailing(day/month/year) 29/10/2004
International application No. PCT/BE2004/000035	International filing date(day/month/year) 08/03/2004	(Earliest) Priority date(day/month/year) 07/03/2003
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C12N15/82, C12N15/29, A01H5/00		
Applicant UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES		

This International Searching Authority hereby declares, according to Article 17(2)(a), that **no international search report will be established** on the international application for the reasons indicated below

1. The subject matter of the international application relates to:
 - a. scientific theories.
 - b. mathematical theories
 - c. plant varieties.
 - d. animal varieties.
 - e. essentially biological processes for the production of plants and animals, other than microbiological processes and the products of such processes.
 - f. schemes, rules or methods of doing business.
 - g. schemes, rules or methods of performing purely mental acts.
 - h. schemes, rules or methods of playing games.
 - i. methods for treatment of the human body by surgery or therapy.
 - j. methods for treatment of the animal body by surgery or therapy.
 - k. diagnostic methods practised on the human or animal body.
 - l. mere presentations of information.
 - m. computer programs for which this International Searching Authority is not equipped to search prior art.
2. The failure of the following parts of the international application to comply with prescribed requirements prevents a meaningful search from being carried out:

the description the claims the drawings
3. The failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions prevents a meaningful search from being carried out:

the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.
4. The failure of the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions prevents a meaningful search from being carried out:

the written form has not been furnished.

the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the technical requirements.
5. Further comments:
see annex

Name and mailing address of the International Searching Authority  European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2 NL-2280 HV Rijswijk Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl, Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016	Authorized officer Wolfgang-Peter Schießl
---	---

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 203

The claims of the underlying application have, accordingly to PCT Rule 13ter.1.c, not been searched since the sequence Listing as present in the description does not comply with WIPO Standard ST 25 prescribed in the administrative instructions under Rule 5.2. The Sequence Listing has been furnished neither in paper form nor in machine readable form as provided for in the same instructions and the applicant has not remedied the disclosed deficiencies within the time limit fixed in the invitation pursuant to PCT Rule 13Ter.1.a.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

i.e. the removal of metals from contaminated soil or aqueous media (Salt et al., 1998).

[0013] However, practical difficulties have still to be solved in order to efficiently use said 5 hyperaccumulators, among which are the slow growth rate and low growth habit (rosette) of many hyperaccumulators, and the specific nature of their metal tolerance (Ernst 1995).

Aims of the invention

10 [0014] The present invention aims to provide polynucleotide and polypeptide sequences associated to cadmium tolerance and accumulation in plant cells.

[0015] The present invention also aims to provide 15 polynucleotide sequences and regulatory sequences containing said polynucleotide sequences able to improve cadmium tolerance of plant cells, when expressed in foreigner organisms.

[0016] The present invention aims to provide a recombinant plant expressing said polynucleotidic sequences 20 which could be used for phytoremediation applications and/or for phytoextraction applications.

[0017] A last object of the present invention is to provide such a plant or plant cell or tissue expressing 25 said polynucleotide sequence which presents a sufficient growth rate for phytoremediation applications and from which cadmium can be easily extracted for recycling purposes.

Definitions

30 [0018] It is meant by "phytoremediation" the use of green plants to remove pollutants from the environment or to render them harmless. Phytoextraction, phytodegradation, rhizofiltration, phytostabilisation, phytovolatilisation

and the use of plants to remove pollutants from air (Salt et al., 1998).

[0019] Phytoextraction is the use of pollutant-accumulating plants to remove metals or organics from soil 5 by concentrating them in the harvestable parts.

[0020] Preferably, said phytoremediation is a hyperaccumulation, which means the capacity of said plants to accumulate heavy metals in greater quantities than a plant normally does. It is meant by "hyperaccumulator" a 10 plant containing in their aerial parts at least 10 times, preferably at least 100 times more metals than other plants grown on contaminated soil (for cadmium the threshold is 100 µg/g dry weight (0.01%) (Ref. Brooks et al. Trends in Plant Science, vol.3 no.9 p.359-362)).

[0021] The term « polypeptide » refers to any peptide or protein comprising two or more amino acids joined to each other by peptide bonds or modified peptide bonds, i.e., peptide isosteres. This term "polypeptide" refers to both short chains, commonly referred to as 15 peptides, oligopeptides or oligomers, and to longer chains, generally referred to as proteins. Polypeptides may contain amino acids other than the 20 gene-encoded amino acids. "Polypeptides" include amino acid sequences modified either by natural processes, such as posttranslational processing, 20 or by chemical modification techniques which are well known in the art. Such modifications are well described in basic texts and in more detailed monographs, as well as in a voluminous research literature. Modifications can occur anywhere in a polypeptide, including the peptide backbone, 25 the amino acid side-chains and the amino or carboxyl termini. It will be appreciated that the same type of modification may be present in the same or varying degrees at several sites in a given polypeptide. Also, a given polypeptide may contain many types of modifications. 30

Polypeptides may be branched as a result of ubiquitination, and they may be cyclic, with or without branching. Cyclic, branched and branched cyclic polypeptides may result from posttranslational natural processes or may be made by synthetic methods. Modifications include acetylation, acylation, ADP-ribosylation, amidation, covalent attachment of flavin, covalent attachment of a heme moiety, covalent attachment of a nucleotide or nucleotide derivative, covalent attachment of a lipid or lipid derivative, covalent attachment of phosphatidylinositol, cross-linking, cyclization, disulfide bond formation, demethylation, formation of covalent cross-linkings, formation of cystine, formation of pyroglutamate, formylation, gamma-carboxylation, glycosylation, GPI anchor formation, hydroxylation, iodination, methylation, myristoylation, oxidation, proteolytic processing, phosphorylation, prenylation, racemization, selenoylation, sulfation, transfer-RNA mediated addition of amino acid to proteins such as arginylation, and ubiquitination. See, for instance, PROTEINS - STRUCTURE AND MOLECULAR PROPERTIES, 2nd Ed., T. E. Creighton, W. H. Freeman and Company, New York, 1993 and Wolt, F., Posttranslational Protein Modifications: Perspectives and Prospects, pp. 1-12 in POSTTRANSLATIONAL COVALENT MODIFICATION OF PROTEINS, B. C. Johnson, Ed., Academic Press, New York, 1983; Seifter et al., "Analysis for protein modifications and non-protein cofactors", *Meth. Enzymol.* (1990) 182 : 626-646 and Rattan et al., "Protein Synthesis: Posttranslational Modifications and Aging", *Ann NY Acad Sci* (1992) 663 : 48-62.

[0022] The term "polynucleotide" generally refers to any polyribonucleotide or polydeoxyribonucleotide, which may be unmodified RNA or DNA or modified RNA or DNA. "Polynucleotides" include, without limitation single- and double-stranded DNA, DNA that is a mixture of single- and

double-stranded regions, single- and double- stranded RNA, and RNA that is a mixture of single- and double-stranded regions, hybrid molecules comprising DNA and RNA that may be single-stranded or, more typically, double-stranded or a 5 mixture of single- and double-stranded regions. The term "Polynucleotide" also includes DNAs or RNAs containing one or more modified bases and DNAs or RNAs with backbones modified for stability or for other reasons. "Modified" bases include, for example, tritylated bases and unusual 10 bases such as inosine. A variety of modifications have been made to DNA and RNA; thus, "Polynucleotide" embraces chemically, enzymatically or metabolically modified forms of polynucleotides as typically found in nature, as well as the chemical forms of DNA and RNA characteristic of viruses 15 and cells. "Polynucleotide" also embraces relatively short polynucleotides, often referred to as oligonucleotides.

[0023] The term "variant" as used herein, refers to a polynucleotide or polypeptide that differs from a reference polynucleotide or polypeptide respectively, but 20 retains essential properties. A typical variant of a polynucleotide differs in nucleotide sequence from another, reference polynucleotide. Changes in the nucleotide sequence of the variant may or may not alter the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide encoded by the reference 25 polynucleotide. Nucleotide changes may result in amino acid substitutions, additions, deletions, fusions and truncations in the polypeptide encoded by the reference sequence, as discussed below. A typical variant of a polypeptide differs in amino acid sequence from another 30 reference polypeptide. Generally, differences are limited so that the sequences of the reference polypeptide and the variant are closely similar overall and, in many regions, identical. A variant and reference polypeptide may differ in amino acid sequence by one or more substitutions

(preferably conservative), additions and deletions in any combination. A substituted or inserted amino acid residue may or may not be one encoded by the genetic code. A variant of a polynucleotide or polypeptide may be a naturally occurring such as an allelic variant, or it may be a variant that is not known to occur naturally. Non-naturally occurring variants of polynucleotides and polypeptides may be made by mutagenesis techniques or by direct synthesis. Variants should retain one or more of the biological activities of the reference polypeptide. For instance, they should have similar antigenic or immunogenic activities as the reference polypeptide. Antigenicity can be tested using standard immunoblot experiments, preferably using polyclonal sera against the reference polypeptide.

The immunogenicity can be tested by measuring antibody responses (using polyclonal sera generated against the variant polypeptide) against purified reference polypeptide in a standard ELISA test. Preferably, a variant would retain all of the above biological activities.

[0024] The term "identity" is a measure of the identity of nucleotide sequences or amino acid sequences. In general, the sequences are aligned so that the highest order match is obtained. "Identify" *per se* has an art-recognised meaning and can be calculated using published techniques. See, e.g.: (COMPUTATIONAL MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, Lesk, A.M., ed., Oxford University Press, New York, 1988; BIOCOMPUTING: INFORMATICS AND GENOME PROJECTS, Smith, D.W., ed., Academic Press, New York, 1993; COMPUTER ANALYSIS OF SEQUENCE DATA, PART I, Griffin, A.M., and Griffin, H.G., eds, Humana Press, New Jersey, 1994; SEQUENCE ANALYSIS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, von Heijne, G., Academic Press, 1987; and SEQUENCE ANALYSIS PRIMER, Gribskov, M. and Devereux, J., eds, M Stockton Press, New York, 1991). While there exist a number of methods to measure identity between two

polynucleotide or polypeptide sequences, the term "identity" is well known to skilled artisans (Carillo, H., and Lipton, D., *SIAM J Applied Math* (1998) 48 : 1073). Methods commonly employed to determine identity or 5 similarity between two sequences include, but are not limited to those disclosed in Guide to Huge Computers, Martin J. Bishop, ed., Academic Press, San Diego, 1994, and Carillo, H., and Lipton, D., *SIAM J Applied Math* (1988) 48 : 1073. Methods to determine identity and similarity are 10 codified in computer programs. Preferred computer program methods to determine identity and similarity between two sequences include, but are not limited to, GCG program package (Devereux, J., et al., *J Molec Biol* (1990) 215 : 403). Most preferably, the program used to determine 15 identity levels was the GAP program, as was used in the Examples hereafter.

[0025] As an illustration, by a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence having at least, for example, 95% "identity" to a reference nucleotide sequence is 20 intended that the nucleotide sequence of the polynucleotide is identical to the reference sequence except that the polynucleotide sequence may include an average up to five point mutations per each 100 nucleotides of the reference nucleotide sequence. In other words, to obtain a 25 polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a reference nucleotide sequence, up to 5% of the nucleotides in the reference sequence may be deleted or substituted with another nucleotide, or a number of nucleotides up to 5% of the total nucleotides in the 30 reference sequence may be inserted into the reference sequence. These mutations of the reference sequence may occur at the 5' or 3' terminal positions of the reference nucleotide sequence or anywhere between those terminal positions, interspersed either individually among

nucleotides in the reference sequence or in one or more contiguous groups within the reference sequence.

[0026] Fragments of polypeptides are also included in the present invention. A fragment is a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence that is the same as a part, but not all, of the amino acid sequence of the aforementioned polypeptides. As with polypeptides, fragment may be "free-standing" or comprised within a larger polypeptide of which they form a part or region, most preferably as a single continuous region. Representative examples of polypeptide fragments of the invention, include, for example, fragments from about amino acid number 752 to about amino acid number 1030 of the polypeptide. In this context "about" includes the particularly recited ranges larger or smaller by several, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 amino acid at either extreme or at both extremes.

[0027] Preferred fragments include, for example, truncated polypeptides having the amino acid sequence of polypeptides, except for deletion of a continuous series of residues that includes the amino terminus, or a continuous series of residues that includes the carboxyl terminus and /or transmembrane region or deletion of two continuous series of residues, one including the amino terminus and one including the carboxyl terminus. Also preferred are fragments characterised by structural or functional attributes such as fragments that comprise alpha-helix and alpha-helix forming regions, beta-sheet and beta-sheet forming regions, turn and turn-forming regions, coil and coil-forming regions, hydrophilic regions, hydrophobic regions, alpha amphipathic regions, beta amphipathic regions, flexible regions, surface-forming regions, substrate binding region, and high antigenic index regions. Other preferred fragments are biologically active

fragments. Biologically active fragments are those that mediate the protein activity, including those with a similar activity or an improved activity, or with a decreased undesirable activity. Also included are those 5 that are antigenic or immunogenic in an animal or in a human.

Summary of the invention

[0028] The present invention is related to isolated 10 and purified genetic sequences from *Thlaspi caerulescens*, said sequence being selected from the group consisting of SEQ.ID.NO.1 to SEQ.ID.NO.32 as well as other sequences isolated from unknown (micro)-organisms SEQ.ID.NO.33 and SEQ.ID.NO.34.

[0029] The present invention is also related to 15 genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, with SEQ.ID.NO.1 or SEQ.ID.NO.5 or SEQ.ID.NO.7 or their complementary strand.

[0030] The present invention is also related to 20 genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, with SEQ.ID.NO.3 or SEQ.ID.NO.33 or their complementary strand.

[0031] The present invention is also related to 25 genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 95% with SEQ.ID.NO.9 or SEQ.ID.NO.13 or their complementary strand.

[0032] The present invention is also related to 30 genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 85%, 90%, 95%, with SEQ.ID.NO.11 or SEQ.ID.NO.15 or their complementary strand.

[0033] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 95% with SEQ.ID.NO.17 or their complementary strand.

[0034] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, with SEQ.ID.NO.19 or SEQ.ID.NO.27 or their complementary strand.

5 [0035] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, with SEQ.ID.NO.29 or their complementary strand.

10 [0036] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 95% with SEQ.ID.NO.31 or their complementary strand.

15 [0037] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 98% with SEQ.ID.NO.23 or higher than 99% with SEQ.ID.NO.21 or SEQ.ID.NO.25 or their complementary strand.

[0038] The present invention is also related to polypeptide sequences encoded by the polynucleotide sequences mentioned hereabove, their active fragments and variants.

20 [0039] Active fragments or variants of the polypeptide sequences according to the invention are molecules which present the same activity with one or more genetic modifications (such as deletion or addition of one or more amino-acids) in the complete sequences mentioned hereabove, such as naturally occurring allelic variants. Such modifications do not modify the above mentioned percentage of homology or sequence identity.

25 [0040] An example of said fragments is the portion of SEQ ID N° 4 starting from aminoacid 719 up to aminoacid 30 1134 which comprises the COOH terminal portion of sequence SEQ ID N° 4. Said terminal portion comprising amino acids that are able to bind heavy metals.

[0041] Said variants are also molecules which present a similar activity to the polypeptides according to

the invention through the same biochemical pathway and acting similarly upon the same active site.

[0042] The polypeptides can be also integrated as "native" protein or are part of a fusion protein or may 5 advantageously include additional amino-acid sequences which contain secretory or leader sequences, prosequences, sequences which elute in purification such as multiple histidinoresidue or an additional sequence for stability during recombinant production (tag His in the C-terminal 10 sequence).

[0043] Said polypeptides may comprise also marker sequences which facilitate purification of the fused polypeptide with a sequence as an hexa-histidine peptide as provided in the PQE vector (Invitrogen Inc.) and described 15 by Gentz et al., Proceeding National Academic of Science of the USA, 1989, Vol. 86, pp. 821-824) or an HA tag or glutathione-S transferase. The corresponding polynucleotide may also contain non-coding 5' and 3' sequences such as transcribed non-translated sequences, splicing and poly- 20 adenylation signal and ribosome binding sites.

[0044] Another aspect of the present invention is related to a vector comprising the polynucleotide or polypeptide according to the invention, said vector being preferably a plasmid, a virus, a liposome or a cationic 25 vesicle able to transfect a cell and to obtain the expression of said polynucleotide by said cell.

[0045] The vector according to the invention may be a shuttle vector for suitable transformation of different types of cells.

30 [0046] A further aspect of the present invention concerns the cell (prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell) or the plant transformed by or comprising the vector according to the present invention and their use for phytoremediation

(including phytoextraction) of media (such as soils,), contaminated by heavy metals.

Detailed description of the invention

5 • Material and methods

Plant cDNA bank

[0047] A cDNA bank from leaves of one of the best Cd hyperaccumulator population of *Thlaspi caerulescens* (Roosens et al. Plant cell and Envir. Vol 26, p 1657-1672) was integrated in the pYX212 vector. The pYX212 vector is a yeast/E. coli shuttle vector for expression in *S. cerevisiae* sold by R&D ingenius company (Madison, USA). Insert was under the activity of the triose phosphate isomerase promoter, which is one of the strongest constitutive promoter in yeast. pYX212 is a 2 μ plasmid, replicates autonomously in yeast, being maintained at 25-100 copies per cell. The plant cDNA were cloned between the EcoRI and the XhoI sites. The selection marker was URA3 in yeast.

20 Yeast strain used for transformation

[0048] The *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* wild-type strain used for transformation experiments was BY4741 ATCC Number 201388 ("Yeast Genetic Stock Collection" in the ATCC Global Bioresource Center).

25 E.coli strain used for transformation

The *E.coli* strain used for experiments was DH5 alpha ATCC Number 53868.

Plasmid isolation from yeast and transformation of E.coli strain

30 [0049] Small scale isolation of plasmid DNA from yeast for transformation in *E.coli*. was done according to the method disclosed in Current Protocols in Molecular Biology 1993 John Wiley & Sons, Inc (Chapter 13).

[0050] Transformation of *E. coli* was done by electroporation according to the method described in Current Protocols in Molecular Biology 1993 John Wiley & Sons, Inc (Chapter 1).

5 Plasmid isolation from *E.coli* and retransformation of yeast

[0051] Plasmid isolation from *E. coli* was performed with the Wizard Plus Miniprep DNA Purification Systems (Promega).

[0052] Transformation of yeast by Li Cl. Gietz, R.D
10 & Schiestl, R.H. (1995) has been carried out using the technique disclosed in Methods Mol. Cell. Biol. 5, 255-269.

• Results

[0053] The plant cDNA library of *Thlaspi caerulescens* was screened in the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* wild-type yeast strain BY4741. The transformants were plated on minimal medium supplemented with cadmium. From 15 430.000 *S. cerevisiae* transformants, 200 clones growing on 15 µM cadmium were identified. To confirm the correlation between the cadmium tolerance phenotype and the expression of the plant cDNA, plasmids have been rescued and yeast has 20 been re-transformed. From 200 plasmids, 150 have been re-tested and 110 have been reconfirmed by drop tests on 20 µM cadmium and further sequenced. From sequence analysis, 19 different non-redundant cDNAs were identified encoding 25 proteins displaying significant homology with:

- group I: metal detoxification related proteins:
- phytochelatin synthase 1;
- 2 different isoforms of metallothionein type 3 (type 3a and type 3b);
- metallothionein type 2;
- metallothionein type 1;

- metallothionein related protein;
- group II: metal transport related proteins corresponding to Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPases;
- group III: signalling pathway related proteins:

5 ▪ a heat shock transcription factor;

- transcription factor IID;
- group IV: other proteins:
- SAM: salicylic acid carboxyl methyl transferase;
- chlorophyll a/b binding proteins;

10 ▪ 40S ribosomal protein;

- Photosystem I subunit.

[0054] 3 proteins were classified in a last group V with unknown function.

[0055] The results of sequence analysis and 15 functional classification of said identified cDNAs are presented in Table 1.

[0056] It should be noted that cDNAs of group II correspond to four truncated cDNAs encoding proteins with similarity to the C-terminal region of putative heavy-metal 20 P-type ATPases, also called in the present description "CPx-ATPases".

[0057] Said results show that the majority of the 25 identified cDNAs encode proteins known to have a potential role in heavy metal tolerance as metal binding proteins, metallothioneins and phytochelatins, and heavy metal binding domain of putative CPx-ATPases that display Zn²⁺/Co²⁺/Cd²⁺/Pb²⁺ substrate specificity.

Analysis of cDNAs encoding truncated putative CPx-ATPases

- *In silico* analysis:

30 [0058] In silico analysis of the previously identified cDNAs encoding truncated putative CPx-ATPases showed a higher similarity with the C-terminus of *A. thaliana* HMA4

and these corresponding sequences in *T. caerulescens* were therefore hereafter called "TcHMA4".

[0059] The deduced TcHMA4 proteins encoded by cDNAs 71, 165 and 199 lacked the putative catalytic domain while 5 keeping the putative heavy metal binding domains. In contrast, cDNA 64, the longest isolated, encoded a protein which contains the ATP-binding site.

- Heterologous expression in yeast:

10 [0060] To confirm and to compare the ability of *Thlaspi* cDNAs 64, 71, 165 and 199 to increase cadmium tolerance to *S. cerevisiae*, BY4741 cells expressing these cDNAs were further analysed for their cadmium tolerance (FIG. 2: Evaluation of growth in the presence of cadmium).

15 Transformants of the yeast strain BY4741 containing empty plasmid pYX212 as negative control and pYX212 with *Thlaspi* cDNAs 199, 165, 64 and 71 were grown in liquid minimal medium overnight. Cultures were adjusted to A_{600} of 1 and serially 10-fold diluted in water. 5 μ l aliquots of each 20 dilution were spotted either on non-selective cadmium plates or on plates with 20 and 40 μ M CdSO₄. After three days of incubation at 30°C, plates were photographed. Dilutions are indicated at the top of the figures).

25 [0061] Control cells (carrying the expression vector pYX212) grew normally in the absence of cadmium but were highly sensitive to cadmium and no growth was observed on 40 μ M CdSO₄.

[0062] Cells expressing cDNAs 71, 165 and 199 were able to grow on 20 and 40 μ M CdSO₄.

30 [0063] Expression of cDNAs 71 and 165 afforded the best cadmium tolerance. Growth was still observed at dilution 10³ (~125 cells / 5 μ l aliquot) on 40 μ M CdSO₄.

[0064] In contrast, cells expressing cDNA 64 were more sensitive compared to cells expressing the three other cDNAs and no growth was observed on 40 µM CdSO₄.

[0065] Because growth tests with the wild type strain BY4741 require a high zinc concentration (11 mM ZnSO₄), zinc related phenotype was also tested in the zinc hypersensitive *zrc1cot1* double mutant. This yeast strain lacks two vacuolar transporters (ZNT1 and COT1, which confer Zn resistance by its sequestration into the vacuole (Li and Kaplan, 1998)) and was more sensitive to zinc than the parental wild type strain (MacDiarmid et al., 2003).

[0066] The profile of growth of transformed *zrc1cot1* on Zn was similar to the one of transformed BY4741 on Cd. Yeast cells expressing cDNAs 71 and 165 showed the best zinc tolerance. No difference in growth was observed between control cells and cells expressing cDNA 64 at the used concentrations (*FIG. 3: Evaluation of growth in the presence of zinc*). Transformants of the zinc hypersensitive *zrc1cot1* double mutant (parental strain BY4741) containing control plasmid pYX212 and pYX212 with Thlapsi cDNAs 199, 165, 64 and 71 were grown in liquid minimal medium overnight. Cultures were adjusted to A₆₀₀ of 1 and serially 10-fold diluted in water. 5 µl aliquots of each dilution were spotted either on non-selective zinc plates or on plates with 1 and 1,2 mM ZnSO₄. After three days of incubation at 30°C, plates were photographed. Dilutions are indicated at the top of the figures).

Cloning of a TcHMA4 full-length coding sequence

[0067] To isolate a full-length cDNA, a RT-PCR approach was used. As the cDNA 71 (with the cDNA 165) confers the best tolerance to cadmium and zinc when overexpressed in yeast, this cDNA was completely sequenced

and used as a starting sequence to determine reverse primers.

[0068] Since the highest homology was found with the *A. thaliana HMA4*, the *T. caerulescens* corresponding gene 5 was named *TcHMA4* (SEQ ID NO.4 (FIG. 1)).

Sequence analysis of TcHMA4:

[0069] The amino-acid sequence deduced from *TcHMA4* aligned well with several *A. thaliana* HMAs. The *TcHMA4* deduced amino acid sequence displayed 69% identity and 76% 10 similarity with the *AthMA4* sequence.

[0070] The *TcHMA4* and *AthMA4* deduced protein sequences display the characteristic features of CPx-ATPases in addition of the conserved motifs of P-type ATPases (the DKTGT phosphorylation motif and the GDGxNDx ATP binding 15 motif).

[0071] Transmembrane (TM) predictions were used from various programs together with the hydropathy calculated by the Kyte-Doolittle algorithm (Kyte and Doolittle, 1982), as well as with the information from the location of conserved 20 sequences to predict the locations of transmembrane domains in *HMA4*.

[0072] *TcHMA4* as *AthM4* are predicted to contain eight transmembrane domains with a small cytoplasmic loop between TM domain 4 and 5 and a large cytoplasmic loop between TM 25 domains 6 and 7, which are characteristics of CPx-ATPases.

[0073] The CPx motif (C₃₆₁PS in *TcHMA4*; C₃₅₇PC in *AthMA4*) was found in the sixth transmembrane domain as well as a specific HP (H₄₄₅ in *TcHMA4*; H₄₄₁ in *AthMA4*) sequence located in the large predicted cytoplasmic domain, 39 amino acids 30 downstream of the phosphorylation site.

[0074] Besides features typical of CPx-ATPases, the *TcHMA4* sequence also displayed significant differences from

those, which it shared with AthMA4. Both TcHMA4 and AthMA4 lacked the N-terminal metal associated domain (GMTCxxC).

[0075] Nevertheless, both the pfam and PROSITE databases recognise a "heavy metal associated domain" in the N-
5 termini of Tc- and At-HMA4.

[0076] The presence of a long COOH extension after the eight transmembrane domain was another particular feature that TcHMA4 shared with AthMA4 (478 amino acids for TcHMA4 and 470 amino acids for AthMA4) and to a lesser extent with
10 AthMA2 (267 amino acids). All these three peptides also contained three additional cysteine motifs - C(x)₄C, C(x)₃-
5CC, CC - and a His rich domain within their extended C-terminus which could be involved in heavy metal binding.

[0077] The His rich domain was present in AthMA1, where
15 it was associated with a single CC dipeptide, but in this case in the N-terminal domain. The TcHMA4 C-terminal fragment corresponding to the cDNA identified during the screening in yeast, consisted of TcHMA4 residues 758 to 1186 and hence lacked the putative catalytic domains while
20 keeping the putative heavy metal binding domains. These could be responsible for the higher tolerance to Cd²⁺ conferred to yeast that overexpressed that peptide.

Metal tolerance in yeast expressing truncated and full
25 length HMA4 coding sequences

• Cadmium tolerance test:

[0078] To investigate cadmium specificity of HMA4, heterologous expression in *S. cerevisiae* was carried out. The wild type strain BY4741 was transformed with the pYX212
30 vector expressing *TcHMA4-C* and *TcHMA4* coding sequences under the control of the strong constitutive TPI (triose phosphate isomerase) promoter. Growth was monitored on

solid and in liquid media containing various cadmium concentrations.

[0079] Expression of *TcHMA4-C* allowed *S. cerevisiae* cells to grow in the presence of 15 μM on solid up to 50 μM CdSO₄ on liquid media, which reduced growth of control cells bearing the pYX212 cloning vector.

[0080] In contrast, cells expressing full-length *TcHMA4* were far more sensitive to CdSO₄ than the control cells (FIG. 4 Effect of HMA4-C and HMA4 expression on 10 cadmium tolerance in two yeast strains. Yeast BY4741 and CM100 cells transformed with the pYX212 plasmid (grey columns) and with pYX212 containing the *T. caerulescens* (a, b) and *A. thaliana* (c,d) 5' truncated cDNA, HMA4-C (white columns), and full-length cDNA, HMA4 (black columns), were 15 grown in liquid YNB-ura without or with 10 to 50 μM CdSO₄. Cells were incubated at 30°C for 24h).

[0081] To investigate whether the effects of *HMA4* and *HMA4-C* expression were strain-dependent, another wild type strain, CM100, was transformed with the recombinant 20 pYX212-HMA4 plasmids. CM100 strain is much more sensitive to cadmium than BY4741 and cadmium tolerance of cells expressing truncated coding sequence as well as cadmium sensibility of cells expressing full-length coding sequence were confirmed in CM100 yeast strain.

[0082] To compare *TcHMA4* with its *Arabidopsis* orthologue, a full-length *AtHMA4* cDNA and its truncated version coding for the C-terminal portion (residues 767-1172) were cloned in pYX212 and expressed in yeast.

[0083] Similar phenotypes as those described for 30 *Thlaspi* sequences were observed in BY4741 and in CM100.

[0084] Nevertheless, in both yeast strains, the *TcHMA4-C* and *AtHMA4-C* peptides showed consistent differences in their ability to confer cadmium tolerance. The tolerance conferred by *AtHMA4-C* was lower. This

difference was visible at lower concentrations in CM100 than in BY4741 (at 20 µM CdSO₄ for CM100 and at up to 50 µM CdSO₄ for BY4741 (FIG.4).

[0085] These results were confirmed on solid medium 5 (on 40 µM CdSO₄).

[0086] On the contrary, there was no significant difference in the enhanced cadmium sensitivity conferred by the entire plant HMA4 protein.

10 Expression of HMA4 in plants:

[0087] The expression of TcHMA4 was studied in planta, in shoots and roots, by Northern blot analysis under stringent conditions (FIG. 5 Northern blot of HMA4 expression in *T. caerulescens* and *A. thaliana*. (a) Total RNA was isolated from shoots and roots of the hyperaccumulator *T. caerulescens* and the nonaccumulator *A. thaliana*. Plants were exposed to 10 and 100 µM CdSO₄ for 24h. Northern blots equally loaded with 15µg of total RNA were probed with respectively 3' terminal part of TcHMA4 and AthMA4 (\pm 1,2 kb) and after stripping with 18S rRNA as a loading control. Expression levels were normalized to 18S rRNA. Results are averages (\pm SE) from three independent experiments. (b) Total RNA was isolated from roots of three contrasting populations of *T. caerulescens* different in their cadmium tolerance and accumulation : Prayon (Belgium), St Felix de Pallières (France) and Puente Basadre (Spain). Plants were exposed to 100 µM CdSO₄ for 24h).

[0088] In the roots of all tested 3 populations the constitutively high expression of TcHMA4 was confirmed. No 30 significant difference in the abundance of TcHMA4 expression could be detected between these three populations by Northern blot.

Analysis of Thlaspi caerulescens cDNAs encoding metallothioneins

[0089] Five different MT cDNAs have been identified. Four encoded proteins representative of the plant MT family (type-1, -2 and -3) while the fifth encoded amino acid sequence displaying similarity to invertebrate MTs but not 5 with plant sequences. Because of the unique distribution pattern of cysteine residues in MTs, according to Cobbett and Goldsbrough (Ann. Rev. Plant Biol, Vol. 53 p 159-182) (2002), and high sequence similarity with *Arabidopsis* MTs, proteins-encoding *Thlaspi* cDNAs identified were 10 designated as *Thlaspi* type-1, -2 and -3 metallothioneins (TcMTs). The cDNA encoding protein with no homology with plant proteins was named *MRP*, for Metallothionein Related Protein.

Type-3 Metallothioneins:

[0090] The cDNAs 10 and 51 are respectively 465 bp and 463 bp long, encoding both 67 amino acid residues. These sequences share 94% nucleic sequence identity with each other in the coding region and 92% / 83% in the 3' and 5' untranslated regions respectively. Amino acid sequence 20 identity was 85% and similarity 87%.

Metallothionein Related Protein (MRP):

[0091] The cDNA 114 is 626 bp long and contains a coding region of 204 bp, with a 89 bp 5' and 300 bp 3' 25 untranslated regions. The open reading frame encodes a protein of 68 amino acids. Seven identical cDNA clones encoding 68 amino acid protein were isolated during the screening.

[0092] A sequence search indicates that the deduced 30 protein has homology to invertebrate metallothioneins. No homology was found with plants. For this reason, the protein encoded by cDNA 114 was named "MRP" for Metallothionein Related Protein.

[0093] Actually, the highest homology of MRP was not found with another MT, but with ultra high sulphur keratin proteins (longer proteins) from human and mouse. However, cysteine and serine residues are responsible for this
5 homology.

[0094] The deduced MRP sequence exhibits characteristics of MTs with regard to number of cysteine residues and molecular size, but its pattern of cysteine residues cannot be aligned with cysteines of plant MTs. MRP
10 does not share the typical feature of plant MT proteins which are characterized by the presence of cysteine-rich domains in both N- and C- termini, with the central domain devoid of cysteines.

[0095] The arrangement of cysteine residues in MRP
15 is peculiar. First, the 16 cysteine residues are distributed throughout the polypeptide. The two (in type 1, 2 and 3 MTs) or the three (in type 4 MTs) highly conserved cysteine-rich domains are absent. Secondly, although some cysteine residues are arranged in motifs common in plant
20 MTs, X-Cys-Cys-X, Cys-X-Cys or single Cys residue, others appear in an atypical motif Cys₄₀-Cys-Cys.

[0096] Moreover, the deduced MRP sequence has a high serine content (19%) besides the high cysteine content (23,5%).
25

Cadmium tolerance test in yeast:

[0097] The ability of *Thlaspi* metallothionein cDNAs to increase cadmium tolerance of *S. cerevisiae* was checked using *BY4741* cells expressing *TcMT* cDNAs for cadmium
30 tolerance test. cDNAs expressed from pYX212 in *BY4741*, were used for a growth drop test on agar medium containing 0, 20 and 40 µM CdSO₄. Plasmids carrying the expression vector (pYX212) or the *Thlaspi* phytochelatin synthase 1 cDNA (*TcPCS1*) were used as negative and positive controls,

respectively. Phytochelatins are known to play an important role in cadmium detoxification in plants and were previously shown to increase the cadmium tolerance in *S. cerevisiae* (FIG. 6: *Transformants of the yeast strain* 5 *BY4741 containing empty plasmid pYX212 as negative control and TcPCS as a positive control, and pYX212 with Thlapsi cDNAs of interest: TcMT3a, TcMT3b, TcMT2, TcMT1, MRP, were grown in liquid minimal medium overnight. Cultures were adjusted to A₆₀₀ of 1 and serially 10-fold diluted in water.* 10 *5 µl aliquots of each dilution were spotted either on non-selective cadmium plates or on plates with 20 and 40 µM CdSO₄. After three days of incubation at 30°C, plates were photographed. Dilutions are indicated above the figures. Two individual clones of each yeast transformants were 15 analysed).*

[0098] Cells carrying the expression vector grew normally in the absence of cadmium but were highly sensitive to cadmium and no growth was observed on 40 µM CdSO₄.

20 [0099] In contrast, cells expressing *TcPCS1* were able to grow on 20 and 40 µM CdSO₄.

[0100] *TcMT3a, TcMT3b, TcMT2 and TcMT1* cDNAs improved cadmium tolerance to the same extent, colony growth was observed at all dilutions on 20 µM CdSO₄. Cells 25 expressing *MRP* showed the best cadmium tolerance and were still able to grow on 40 µM CdSO₄ at the highest dilution.

TcMT mRNA expression in plants:

[0101] Expression of *TcMT* was analysed in three contrasting populations of *T. caerulescens*, namely Prayon 30 (moderately Cd tolerant with the lowest Cd concentration), Puente Basadre (the least tolerant population) and St Félix de Pallières (the most tolerant population).

[0102] RNA was isolated from three weeks old plants grown in normal medium or treated with 100 µM CdSO₄ for

72h. The full length labelled cDNA of *Thlaspi* MTs were used as probes in northern blotting.

[0103] The level of *TcMT3* transcripts was more abundant in shoots than in roots of *Thlaspi* plants and was not 5 cadmium regulated. Abundance of *TcMT3* transcripts was remarkably higher in shoots of St Felix de Pallières, the best Cd tolerant and hyperaccumulator population, than in those from Puente Basadre and Prayon. No difference between populations was observed in roots.

10 [0104] No difference in the level of *TcMT-1* and -2 expression was found upon cadmium treatment whatever the population studied. However marked differences were observed between shoots and roots. *TcMT1* mRNA was abundant in shoots and undetectable in roots whereas *TcMT2* was 15 expressed in both shoots and roots with mRNA level slightly higher in shoots than in roots.

Transformation experiments in non hyperaccumulator plants
(for example tobacco plants or *A. thaliana* plants):

[0105] Maximum 4 genes of *Thlaspi caerulescens* 20 related to cadmium tolerance will be selected and constructions in binary vectors will be made in order to overexpress them in cadmium sensitive and non hyperaccumulator plants like *Arabidopsis thaliana* or Tobacco plants. Control plants will be transformed with 25 empty binary vectors (for example pBIN19).

[0106] The interest for tobacco plants comes from the fact that tobacco has no wild relatives in the European flora and the use of sterile transgenic tobacco plants is already a strategy selected by pharmaceutical firms to 30 overproduce therapeutic molecules in fields (Queyrel, 2002). The transformation of chloroplasts or another cell compartment may be used to avoid gene flow.

[0107] Concerning the obtention and selection of transgenic lines, integration of transgenes will be tested

by PCR. Overexpression will be analysed by Northern blotting, the number of transgene copy will be estimated by segregation analysis and Southern blotting. Homozygous lines with 1, maximum 2 copies will be selected among the best overexpressors since transgene stability is favoured by low copy number. Minimum 4 independent transgenic lines per construction will be selected for further study.

[0108] Concerning the characterisation of transgenic lines, a growth test in hydroponic and mineral analysis will be done as follows: seeds of selected lines will be sown and plants will be transferred in hydroponic culture where the metal treatment can be precisely and homogeneously controlled and roots as well as the leaves can be easily harvested. Fresh and dry weight of heavy metals-treated and non-treated plants will be measured. Heavy metals contents and allocation (proportion in leaves and roots) will be analysed by atomic absorption spectrophotometry. Phytoextraction capacities of the different lines (measured as the heavy metal concentration in the shoot multiplied by the shoot biomass) will be compared with the control plants and with the original hyperaccumulator species.

[0109] The best transgenic lines can be further tested on polluted soils. In the future, the best lines can be crossed to ameliorate the phytoextraction capacity.

[0110] Maximum 4 genes will be selected and constructions in binary vectors will be made in order to overexpress them in cadmium sensitive and non hyperaccumulator plants like *Arabidopsis thaliana* or Tobacco plants. Control plants will be transformed with empty binary vectors (for example pBIN19).

[0111] The interest for tobacco plants comes from the fact that tobacco has no wild relatives in the European flora and the use of sterile transgenic tobacco plants is

already a strategy selected by pharmaceutical firms to overproduce therapeutic molecules in fields (Queyrel, 2002). The transformation of chloroplasts or another cell compartment may be used to avoid gene flow.

5 [0112] Concerning the obtention and selection of transgenic lines, integration of transgenes will be tested by PCR. Overexpression will be analysed by Northern blotting, the number of transgene copy will be estimated by segregation analysis and Southern blotting. Homozygous
10 lines with 1, maximum 2 copies will be selected among the best overexpressors since transgene stability is favoured by low copy number. Minimum 4 independent transgenic lines per construction will be selected for further study.

[0113] Concerning the characterisation of transgenic
15 lines, a growth test in hydroponic and mineral analysis will be done as follows: seeds of selected lines will be sown and plants will be transferred in hydroponic culture where the metal treatment can be precisely and homogeneously controlled and roots as well as the leaves
20 can be easily harvested. Fresh and dry weight of heavy metals-treated and non-treated plants will be measured. Heavy metals contents and allocation (proportion in leaves and roots) will be analysed by atomic absorption spectrophotometry. Phytoextraction capacities of the
25 different lines (measured as the heavy metal concentration in the shoot multiplied by the shoot biomass) will be compared with the control plants and with the original hyperaccumulator species.

[0114] The best transgenic lines can be further
30 tested on polluted soils. In the future, the best lines can be crossed to ameliorate the phytoextraction capacity.

cdDNA No	Putative function (number of homologous cDNA isolated)	Identity (%)	Organism	# ORF (aa)	Note
I. Metal detoxification					
# 8	Phytochelatin synthase 1 (60)	78% on 485 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAD50593 (485)	1
# 10	Metallothionein type 3a (54)	78% on 69 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAB67234 (69)	1
# 51	Metallothionein type 3b	81% on 69 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAB67234 (69)	1
# 167	Metallothionein type 2 (2)	91% on 81 aa	A. thaliana	sp P25860 (81)	1
# 213	Metallothionein type 1 (1)	69% on 45 aa	A. thaliana	sp P43392 (45)	1
# 114	Metallothionein related protein (7)	45% on 24 aa	Paracentrotus lividus	sp P80367 (68)	1
II. Metal transport					
# 64	Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPase (1)	79% on 259 aa	A. thaliana	sp O6447 (1172)	4
# 71	Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPase (1)	38% on 414 aa	A. thaliana	sp O6447 (1172)	3
# 165	Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPase (1)	37% on 191 aa	A. thaliana	sp O6447 (1172)	4
# 199	Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPase (1)	44% on 333 aa	A. thaliana	sp O6447 (1172)	4
III. Signalling pathway					
# 159	Heat shock transcription factor (2)	91% on 187 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAC31792 (401)	2
# 50	General transcription factor IID (1)	93% on 134 aa	A. thaliana	pir T05098 (134)	1
IV. Others					
# 169	SAM: salicylic acid carboxyl methyl transferase (1)	71% on 197 aa	A. thaliana	dbj BAB10919 (354)	2
# 92b	Chl A-B binding protein (1)	98 % on 169 aa	A. thaliana	gi 115767 (267 aa)	3
# 82	40S ribosomal protein (1)	98 % on 90 aa	A. thaliana	gi 9758155 (248 aa)	2
# 65b	Photosystem I subunit (1)	96 % on 101 aa	A. thaliana	gi 7488011 (219 aa)	3
# 27	Glycosyltransferase	82% on 78 aa	A. thaliana	gi 2281088 (449 aa)	4
V. Unknown					
# 62	Unknown protein (2)	92% on 268 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAG40376 (268)	1
# 79	Unknown protein (1)	71% on 232 aa	A. thaliana	emb CAC01778 (232)	1
# 215	Unknown protein (1)	94% on 56 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAG51060 (327)	2

1 - complete coding sequence cloned
 2 - complete coding sequence cloned but partially sequenced
 3 - truncated coding sequence cloned
 4 - truncated coding sequence cloned and partially sequenced

Table 1. Summary of the identified cDNAs.

Results of databases searches using the BLASTX (+ BEAUTY) program. The number of times that each cDNA has been identified is indicated in brackets.

Remark concerning Table 1:

- (1) :complete coding sequence cloned;
- (2) :complete coding sequence cloned but partially sequenced;
- 5 (3) :troncated coding sequence cloned;
- (4) :troncated coding sequence cloned and partially sequenced;
- (5) :troncated coding sequence cloned in yeast but further completed by RT-PCR and 5' RACE;
 - clone#8 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.1 and 2;
- 10 - clone#71 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.3 and 4;
- clone#10 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.5 and 6;
- clone#51 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.7 and 8;
- clone#167 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.9 and 10;
- clone#114 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.33 and 34;
- 15 - clone#213 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.11 and 12;
- clone#159 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.13 and 14;
- clone#27 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.15 and 16;
- clone#50 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.17 and 18;
- clone#169 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.19 and 20;
- 20 - clone#92b corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.21 and 22;
- clone#65b corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.23 and 24;
- clone#82 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.25 and 26;
- clone#79 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.27 and 28;
- clone#62 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.29 and 30;
- 25 - clone#215 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.31 and 32.

CLAIMS

1. An isolated and purified polypeptide useful in phytoremediation, presenting more than 40%, 50%,
5 60%, 70%, 80%, 85%, 90% or 95% sequence identity with the sequence SEQ.ID.NO.4, its variants and active fragments thereof.
2. The isolated and purified polypeptide sequence according to claim 1 wherein the sequence is
10 isolated and purified from *Thlaspi caerulescens*.
3. A polynucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide sequence according to the claims 1 or 2.
4. The polynucleotide sequence according to claim 3 further comprising, operably linked to it, one or
15 more adjacent regulatory sequence(s).
5. The polynucleotide sequence according to the claim 4 which is a sequence presenting more than 40%, preferably 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 85%, 90% or 95% sequence identity with SEQ.ID.NO.3, its variants and active
20 fragments thereof.
6. The fragment of the polypeptide of claim 1 or 2 having an amino acid sequence starting from the amino acid 719 up to amino acid 1134 of SEQ ID NO.4.
7. A vector comprising the polynucleotide sequence(s) according to claim 3 or 4.
25
8. A recombinant host cell or plant transformed by one or more polynucleotide sequence(s) according to claim 3 or 4 or the vector according to claim 7.
- 30 9. The recombinant host cell according to claim 8, which is selected from the group consisting of bacteria (*E. coli*) or fungi, including yeast.
10. The recombinant host cell according to claim 9, said host cell being *S.cerevisiae*.

11. The recombinant host cell according to claim 8, said host cell a plant cell.

12. The recombinant host cell or plant according to claim 8, which is selected from the group 5 consisting of *Arabidopsis thaliana*, tobacco, plants of the Brassicaceae family, and of the Caryophyllaceae family.

13. A method for the phytoremediation treatment of a medium, preferably a soil, contaminated by heavy metals, preferably cadmium, said method comprising 10 the step of cultivating upon said contaminated medium a genetically transformed plant according to the claim 8 or 12.

14. The method according to the claim 13 wherein said phytoremediation is a phytoextraction 15 treatment of the medium which comprises the step of recovering and destroying said cultivated plant and or the step of recovering said heavy metals from said cultivated plant.

TcHMA4	1	MAI QKE KKNKEE EKKT KKKQRKS YFDVLGICCTSE P IENIL S LDGVKEY V VIVPSRT	
AthMA4	1	----M ARQNKEEEKKV KKLOKS YFDVLGICCTSE V IENIL S LDGVKE V VIVPSRT	
AthMA2	1	-----M ASKKMT KSY YFDVLGICCTSE V IENIL S LDGVKE V VIVPSRT	
AthMA3	1	-----M AEGEESKKMNLQT SY YFDVLGICCTSE V IENIL S LDGVKE V VIVPSRT	
AthMA1	1	---M EPA TLT RSSSLTRFPYRRGLSTL L ARVN F STLPPKT L EQKPLRISASE N PPR	
TcHMA4	61	VIVVHD DL LISPFOIAKALNQARLEANV VNGETSFKNKPSP	FAVVSGI FLL
AthMA4	57	VIVVHD DL LISPFOIAKALN ARLEANVR NGETSFKNKPSP	FAVVSGI LLL
AthMA2	47	VIVVHD DL LS OFQIVKALNQ AQLEANVR IGETNFKNKPSP	FAVVSGI LLL
AthMA3	53	VIVVHD DL LS OFQIVKALNQ ARLEAS VPYGETSL KSQWPSP	FAVVSGI LLL
AthMA1	59	RER RAVEDHHHDHHD DEO DHHHHHH QHGCCSVELKAES KPQMLFG FAKAIGW RL	
		TM1	TM2
TcHMA4	114	LSFLK RVY PLRWLAV VAGIY PILA	KAVASI
AthMA4	110	LSFLK RVY SPLRWLAV VAGIY PILA	KAFASI
AthMA2	100	LSFF KYI YSPERWLAV VAGIY PILA	KAVASI
AthMA3	106	LSFF KYI YSPLEWLAV VAGIY PILA	KAVASI
AthMA1	119	AN PL EHL HLCCSAAM PLAA CPYLAPEPYIKSL QNAF MIVGFPLVGVSASLD AMDI	
		TM3	
TcHMA4	148	RBLR DINIL VIITVAATLAM QDFMEAAAVV VELFTIADWLE RTSYKAN SVMQS ILMSI AP	
AthMA4	144	KPR DINIL VIITVIATLAM QDFMEAAAVV VELFTI DWLE RSY KAN SVMQS ILMSI AP	
AthMA2	134	ARFR DINIL VIIT TVGAT MQDFTEAAV VVELFTI WIDRS ASY KAS SVMQS ILMSI AP	
AthMA3	140	TRFR DINAL THIAVIATLC MQDFTEAA IVFLF SYADW LESS ZATHKAS IVMSS ILMSI AP	
AthMA1	179	AGGKV IIHVLM ALA AFAS YFMGNATE EG LL AM FN AHIA EEFF SESMVD KEL KE SNP	
		TM4	
TcHMA4	208	OKAVIAETG	
AthMA4	204	OKAVIAETG	
AthMA2	194	OKAVIAETG	
AthMA3	200	RKAVIAETG	
AthMA1	239	DSAKAVIE HNGNVPNISDL SYKSV PVHS EVGSY VL VGT GEIP PW DC EVYQGSAT TIEH	*
		Phosphatas	
TcHMA4	256	LGEGATEVPHACRD ST IL TT MM NG TY PN NT AT AS DN CA VA RY VE PG SP TR OR	*
AthMA4	252	LGEGATEVPHACRD ST IL TT MM NG TY PN NT AT AS DN CA VA RY VE PG SP TR OR	
AthMA2	242	LGEGATEVPHACRD ST IL TT MM NG TY PN NT AT AS DN CA VA RY VE PG SP TR OR	
AthMA3	248	LGEGATEVPHACRD ST IL TT MM NG TY PN NT AT AS DN CA VA RY VE PG SP TR OR	
AthMA1	299	LGEGATEVPHACRD ST IL TT MM NG TY PN NT AT AS DN CA VA RY VE PG SP TR OR	
		TM5	Phosphorylation
TcHMA4	316	IDKCSOYYTPAII ISAGFAI VP	A IMKVENLN WF HLAL V V VS AGPSGL LL ST
AthMA4	312	IDKCSOYYTPAII ISACVAI VP	V IMKVENLK WF HLAL V V VS OPCG LL ST
AthMA2	302	IDKCSKYTPAII ISICF VAI VP	F ALKVHN LKH WF HLAL V V VSACPC GL L ST
AthMA3	308	IDKCSRYTPA VV VSACFA I VP	V ELKVQDL SH WF HLAL V V VS CP PC GL L ST
AthMA1	359	IDFGENYSKV VV VS L A I FLGPFL FKWPFL STAAC GS SV Y RAL GL MV A ASPC AL A	
		TM6	
TcHMA4	370	PVATFCALT KAAT G LL I KS A D Y L D T L S K I K I A A F D K T G T I T R G E F I V E F K S L R D I S	
AthMA4	366	PVATFCALT KAAT G LL I KS A D Y L D T L S K I K I A A F D K T G T I T R G E F I V E F K S L R D I S	
AthMA2	356	PVATFCALT KAAT G LL I KS A D Y L D T L S K I K I A A F D K T G T I T R G E F I V E F K S L R D I S	
AthMA3	362	PVATFCALT KAAT G EL I KT G DC L E T L A K I K I A A F D K T G T I T K A E F M V S D R S L S P I N	
AthMA1	418	P Y A T A T S C A R G I L L K G A Q V D A L A S C H T I A F D K T G T I T T G G L T C K A E P I Y G Q G G	
		Phosphorylation	
TcHMA4	429	-----L R S L L Y W V S V E S K S H P M A T	T IV DY A K S V E P R S E E V E D Y Q N F P G
AthMA4	425	-----L R S L L Y W V S V E S K S H P M A T	T IV DY A K S V E P R P E E V E D Y Q N F P G
AthMA2	415	-----L Q S L L Y W V S S T E S K S H P M A A V V D Y A R S V E P K P E A V E D Y Q N F P G	
AthMA3	421	-----L H K L L Y W V S S T E C K S H P M A A L I D Y A R S V E P K P D I V E N Q N F P G	
AthMA1	478	T N S S V I T C C I P N C E K A L A V A A M E K T H P I G R A V V D H S V G K D P -- S I F V E S E Y F P G	

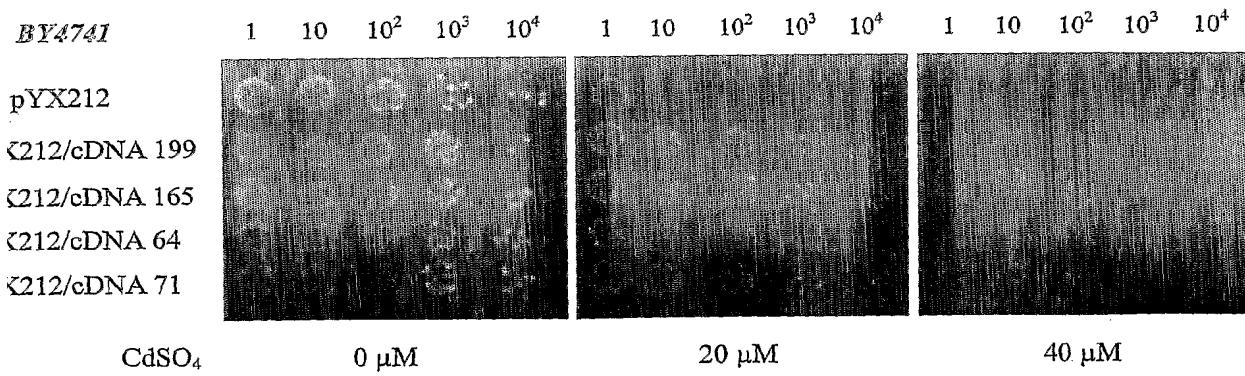
FIG1a
SUBSTITUTE SHEET

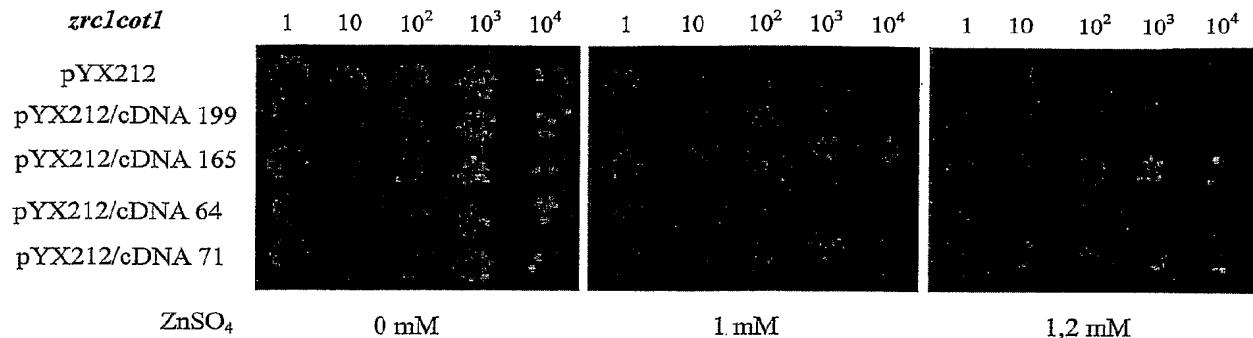
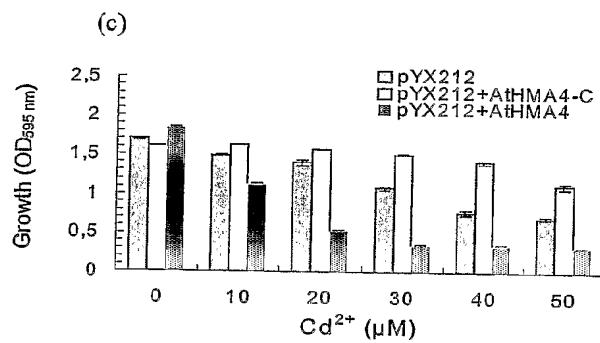
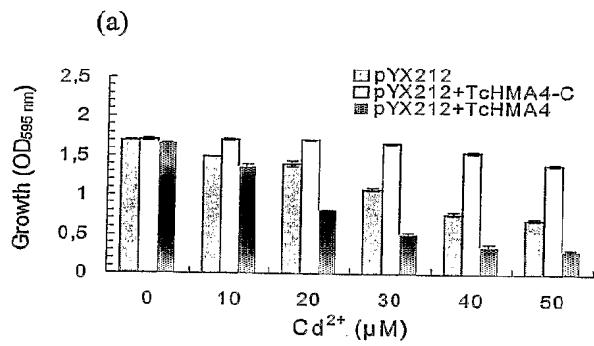
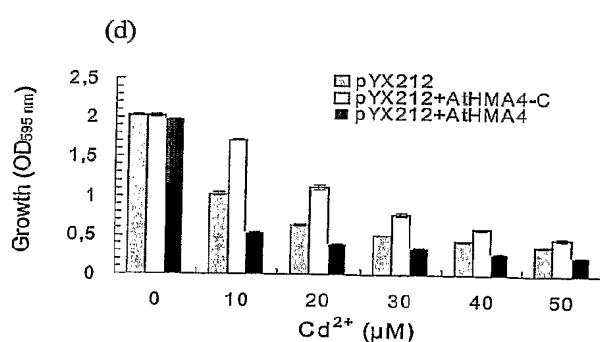
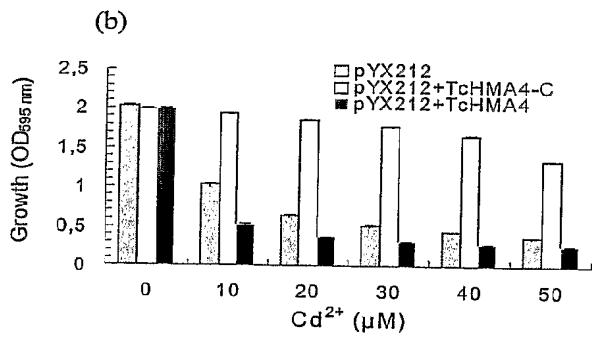
TcHMA4	476	EGIYGKIDGNWYIGNKRIASRAGCST--VPEIEVDTKKGKTIGYVVGERLAGVFN---
AthMA4	472	EGIYGKIDGNWYIGNKRIASRAGCST--VPEIEVDTKGKTI G YVVGERLAGFVN---
AthMA2	462	EGIYGKIDGKEWYIGNKRIASRAGCL S --VPEIEVDTKGKTI G YVVGE T LAGVFN---
AthMA3	468	EGMVYGRIDGSDWYIGNKRIAORAGCLTDNVEIEATMKGKTI G Y T YMCALKLTGSFN---
AthMA1	536	RGIITATVNGVKTVAAEESRQRKASLGST EFT TSIFKSEDESKOIKDAVNASSY G KDEVHAA
TcHMA4	531	-----LSDACRSGVAQAMKELKDLG I KTAML T GDNO D AMOAQEOLGNALDW
AthMA4	527	-----LSDACRSGV S QAMAEKL S LG I KTAML T GDNO A AMHAQEOLGNVLDW
AthMA2	517	-----LSDACRSGVAQAMKELKSLG I KTAML T GDN H AAAMHAQEOLGNAMDW
AthMA3	525	-----LLD C RYGV A QAMKELKSLG I OTAML T GDN D AAAMSTOEOLENALDW
AthMA1	596	LSVDQKVTLIHLEDOPRPGV S GV A ELKSWARERVMMLTGDHDSAWRVANAVG-- I TEV
<i>ATP-binding</i>		
TcHMA4	579	HGELLPEDKSII I QEFKKEG--PTCMVGDG N DA P ALANADIGISMGISGSALT T QTGHI
AthMA4	575	HG D LLPEDKSII I QEFKKEG--PTAMVGDG N DA P ALATADIGISMGISGSALATETGNI
AthMA2	565	R A ELLPEDKSII I KQLKREEG--PTAMVGDG N DA P ALATADIGISMGISGSALATETGNI
AthMA3	573	HSELLP D DK A RIIDDFK I G --PTMMVGDG N DA P ALAKADIGISMGISGSALATETGDI
AthMA1	654	YCNLKPEDKL N HVKNIAREAGGG L IMVG G N DA P ALAAT T IGIVE V ORESATAIAV A DI
TcHMA4	637	ILMSNDIRIPOAKTARRAORKV D ONVF S ITLKVG I YLAFAGHPLIWA A VLT D VGTC
AthMA4	633	ILMSNDIRIPOAKTARRAORKV V ENVC S ITLKAG I LA F AGHPLIWA A VLT D VGTC
AthMA2	624	ILMSNDIRIPOAKTARRAORKV V ENVC S ITLKAG I LA F AGHPLIWA A VLT D VGTC
AthMA3	631	ILMSNDIRIPIPK M RAKRS E RKV V ENVYLS S TKGA I FL G CFVGYPLIWA A VLT D AGTC
AthMA1	714	IL T REN I FGYPFC A K R Q T TS I LV K VAL A PTS I FLA A PSV I LG F V P WL T V I L H EGGT
TM7		
TcHMA4	697	ILV T LN S ML R EE E DK S K I KK C RK V EG--G D O G I D B A G I S K S --- CCNS
AthMA4	693	ILV T LN S ML R EE E DK S K I KK C TR A ST S KLN G R K I E G D D Y M D B A G I L T K S G N G O C KS
AthMA2	684	ILV T LN S ML R EE E DK S K I KK C RE S SS S SV L IA E K I G DA A GD M E A GL I P K IS D K H C K P
AthMA3	691	ILV T LN S ML R EE E EV S -T C Y R AS T S S --- P W Y R EE E EV S Y T Y S TS K KS
AthMA1	774	ILV T LN S ML R EE E EV S -T C Y R AS T S --- Q D I V H L INKL R SO P --- TS
TcHMA4	746	***GCCGDKK E EV K W M R A S K T S C D H L H S C E KK O S W Y V D S ***C E KK R SP K P F C D WA
AthMA4	753	S G CG K KN E N --- IP --- E K --- P V D G S --- Y S --- Y V
AthMA2	743	G G CG T TF Q W A K P A --- ET --- Q K N T --- P V D L G H --- HDS
AthMA3	746	C O S C C G P D NQ Q K ---
AthMA1	810	SSSN N SL A H ---
TcHMA4	805	*SLSSCKKS S --ND M KM G GS S CC A SK N E K L F A V V A K S C C D K E K T E G N V E MQ I PN E K
AthMA4	813	SLSSCKKS H V K H D K M G GS S CC A SK N E K KE V V A K S C C E K P K QQ V E S V G D C K S G H C E
AthMA2	798	GCCGDK S Q O P H Q T Y Q Q S CH N K P S G L I S G
AthMA3		
AthMA1		
TcHMA4	862	*KGSQKKVG --- ETCK S CC G D K E K A K E T R L L A S E D P S Y L ---
AthMA4	873	K K Q A E D I V V P V Q I I G H A L H T V E I E L Q T K E T C K --- SC C D S KE K V K E T G L L S S E N T P Y L E K G
AthMA2	829	---
AthMA3		
AthMA1		
TcHMA4	899	KEERQ T TEAN T TV K OS C HE K AS L DI T GT V CD L KL V CC G NE E V G EQ S D L E K GM K
AthMA4	933	V L I K D E G N C K S G SE N GT V Q S CH E K G C S E K Q G E I TL A SE E E T D D DC S SG C CV N E G T
AthMA2	829	CCGG K S Q Q P H Q H E Q Q S CH N K P S G L D I G T G P K H E G S S ST L V N LE G DA K
AthMA3		
AthMA1		

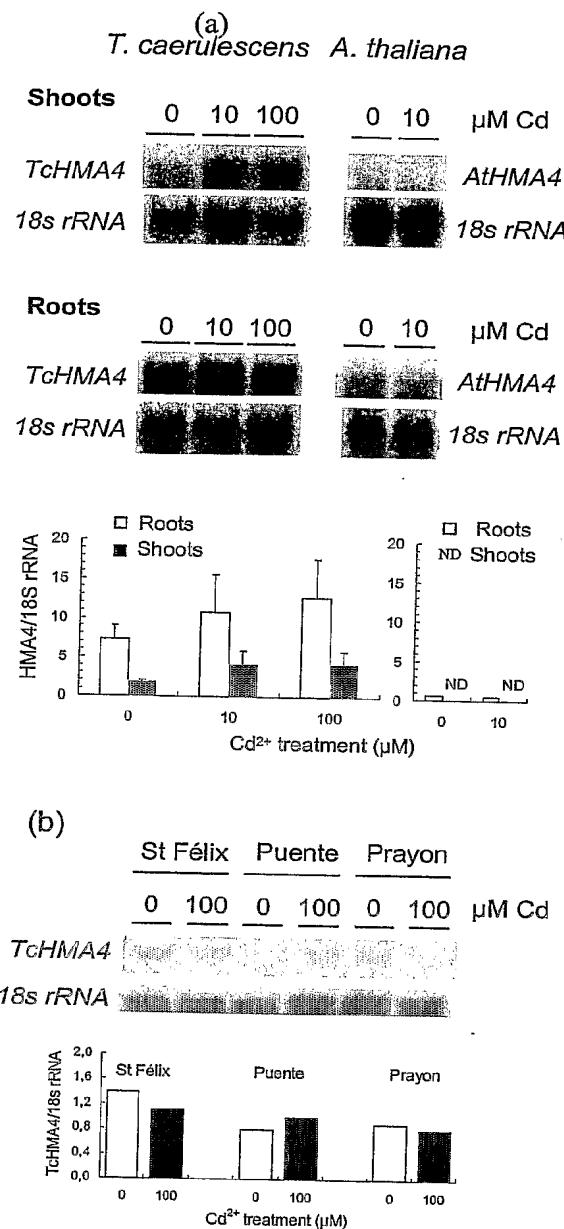
FIG. 1b

SUBSTITUTE SHEET

TcHMA4	954	[REDACTED] * ** I PLASEE DSVDC SSGCCGNKEELTOICHEKTCLDIVSCDSKLVCC
AthMA4	993	[REDACTED] KQSFDEKKHSQLVEKEGLDMETGFCDAD-----KLVCC
AthMA2	876	-----
AthMA3		-----
AthMA1		-----
TcHMA4	1014	[REDACTED] * * GDDCKSLCCG
AthMA4	1027	[REDACTED] GNTEGEV [REDACTED] NEQCRLEIKKEECKSGGCCGEEIQTGEITLVSEEETHSTNCSNGCCVDKEEV
AthMA2	876	-----
AthMA3		-----
AthMA1		-----
TcHMA4	1074	[REDACTED] * * GDDCKSLCCG
AthMA4	1087	[REDACTED] QTCEKPA <u>S</u> -----SGLEVKKDEHCESSHRAVAKVETCCKVKIPEAC
AthMA2	876	-----EE <u>S</u> KVLVNGFCSSPADIAITSILKVKSDSHC
AthMA3		-----
AthMA1		-----
TcHMA4	1134	[REDACTED] * * *****
AthMA4	1131	[REDACTED] ASK <u>S</u> D-----RAKPHSGKSCCRSYAKELCSHRHHHHHHHHHNSA-----
AthMA2	906	-----RERCH <u>S</u> NC <u>S</u> CRSYAKESC <u>S</u> HDHHHTRAHGVGT <u>S</u> KEIVIE
AthMA3		-----
AthMA1		-----

FIG.1cFIG.2

**FIG. 3****BY4741****CM100****FIG. 4**

**FIG. 5**

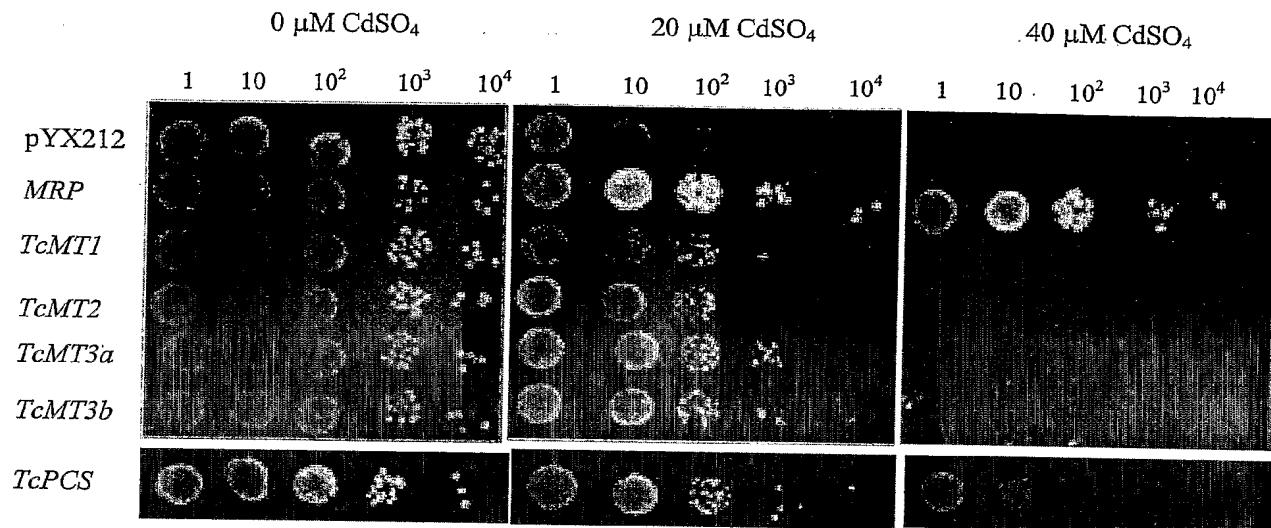


Fig. 6

>clone #8 (phytochelatin synthase 1)

```

GGCACCGAGGGTTAGTGTCTGTAAGTTCTTCCTCCTTTTCTC
GGATCCACTAACGAAATCTCCAGCGCAAGTTGTTCTCTGTAAATT
CTCAATCTATAAATACAAACAGGGAGGAAGTAATCCATGGCTATGGCG
AGTTGTATCGGAGATCTCTCCATCTCCTCOGGCGATTGACTTTCTC
TGCCCAGGGAAAGCTAACTTCAATGAAGCTCTCAGAAAGGCACCAGG
AAGGGTTTTCAGGTTGATTCTTATTCCAAACGCAGTCCGAACCTGCC
TTTGTGGTTGGCTAGCCTTCTGGTGTGAATGCTCTTCTATTGA
TCCTGGACAAAATGGAAGGGCCTGGAGGTGGTTGATGAATCAATGC
TGGATTGCTGCGAGGCCACTGGAAAGTAGTGAAGGATAAGGAAATTTCATTT
GGAAAAGTCGTGTGTTGGCTCATGGTTCAGCAGCAAAGTGGAAAGCTTT
CCGCACAAAATCAGAGCACCATTGATAATTCCGCAACTTGTAGTGAAT
GCGCGACTTCTGATAATTGCAATATGATCTAACATATCATAGAGGTGTG
TTTGGCAGACTGGGTCTGGTCACTTTCACCTATAGGTGGCTATAATGC
TGAAGAGAGATATGGCTCTGATTCTGATGTTGGCCCCGTTCAAGTATCCTC
CTCACTGGATTCTCTTAACTTCTGGGAAAGCCATGGACAGCATTGAT
GAGACAACAGGGAAACGTAGAGGGTTCATGCTCATATCTAGACGGCACAG
AGAACCTGGATTCTCTATACTCTGAGCTGCAAGGATGAAGCTGGATCA
GCATAGCCCAGTATTCAGGAAGAATGTTCTCGTCTTGTAAAGTTCAGAG
AATGTAGATTCTGTGGAAAAAAATCGTATCAGTTGTGTTCAATTCACTTCC
CTCAAAACTCAACCAATTCACTCAGATGGGTGAGGTCAGAAATAACAG
AAGACACAAACAAAATCTAGCGCCGAGGGAGAAATCGAGGCTGAAGTTA
AAGCAAGTGGTGTGAAAGAAGTGCAGGAAACTGAACTGTTCAAACACGT
CAGTAAGTATTGTCCTCAGTGGTTACGGAGCACAGTCTGGCATATGCAG
CTGCAAAGGCTTGTGCAAGGACGTGAAATCTGTCGGAACCTCGTCA
AAAGAGTTCTGTTGTGCGGAAACTTGTGTGAAATGCGCTAAAGGTCTG
AGAGGCAGAAGGCACGGTGGTGACTGGAGTTGTGCGTCACTGACGGGAGTG
AACAAAAAAATGATCTTTGGTGCATCGACCCAAACAGACTGTGAATGT
GGTCCGGAGAAACTATCCATCAGGAAACGATGTGTTCACTGTACTTAT
GTTGGCTTACCTGCACAGACATGGTCAGGGATCPAAGACCAAGCTTTA
TGCAGAGAAATGAAAGCAGCTCATTTCACTGGCTTCCCTCCCAACTATGCTT
CAAGAAGAGGTATTGCATCTTCGACGTCAACTTCAGCTGTTAAAACGATG
TCAAGAGAACAGGAAGAGAACGATCTCGTTGCTCTGGCTTTGATTCT
TCTACCCAAATTCAACTCTTCCCAATCGAATCCGGTTTTTAA
TATAAAACCGTAATTGTAAAGAGAGTATTTTATTTCGGTATGATATTCAA
ACTCTATTGCACTGAGAGAGATCTGTATCCTATATAATATAAAGTTAT
AAAACCAATTATCATCCCCAAAAAABAAAAAABAAAAA

```

SEQ. ID. No. 2

>clone #8-phot (phytochelatin synthase 1)

```

MAMASLYRRSLPSPPAIDFSSAECKLIFNEALQKGTMEGFFRLISYFQOSEPAFCGLAS
LSVVLNALSIDPGRWKGYWRFDESMLCDCEPLEVVKDKGISFGKVVCLAHCSGAKVEA
FRTNOSTIONFRNIVVKCATSDNCNMISTYHRRGVFBQTGSGHFSPIGGYNAERDMALILD
VARFKYPHWIPLKLLWEAMDSIDETTGKRRGFMLISRPHEPGLLYTLSCKDESWISIA
QYLKEDVPRLVSSENVDSVEKIVSVVTFNSLP SKLNQFTRWVAEVRITEDTNKNLSAEEKS
RLKLKQVVLKEVQETELFKHVS KYLSSVGYEDSLAYAAAKACCQGAELISGTSKEFCCR
ETCVKCVKGPEEAEGTVVTGVVVHDGSEOKIDLLVPSTQTDCECGSERWYPSGNDVITVL
MLALPAQTWSGIKDQAFMQEMKOLISMASLPTMLQEEVLHLRROLLOLKRCQENKEEEDL
VAPAF

```

8/14

SEQ. ID. No. 3

>clone#71 (fragment of potential Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPase)
GAAAAGCCAAGAGAAGGTGATGTTGATGAGACCAGCTAGTAAAACCAGTC
TGACCATCTCACTCTGGTTGTGGTGAAGAAGCAAGAGAGTGTAA
AGCTTGAAAGATAAGCTGCTCGGGTGAGAAAAGTAGGAAACAGAGGGA
GATATGGCTTCACTGAGCTCATGCAAGAAGTCTAACATGACATGAAAAT
GAAAGGTGGTCAAGTTGTGCTAGTAAAATGAGAAGCTGAAGGAAG
CAGTAGTAGCAAAGAGCTGCTGTGAAGACAAGGAGAAAACAGAGGGAAAT
GTTGAGATGCAGATTCAAATTGGAGAAAAGGGTCCAGAAAAAGGTGG
TGAAACCTGCAAATCAAGCTGGTGTGGAGATAAAGAGAAGGCTAAGGAAA
CACGTTTGTGCTTGCTAGTGAGGATCCATCTTATCTGGAGAAAGGAAGAA
AGGCCAAACTACNTGAAAGCTAACATTGTGNCCAGTGAACACAGAGCTGCCA
TGAGAAGGCAAGTCGGACATTGAAACTGGAGTTACTTGTGATCTCAAGT
TGGTCTGCTGCGGAAACATAGAAGTGGGAGAGCAATCTGATCTTGAGAAA
GGCATGAAGTTAAAGGGTGAAGGACAATGCAAGTCTGACTGCTGCGGTGA
TGAAATACCTCTAGCTCTGAGGAAGACAGTGTGGATTGCTCCCGGAT
GCTCGGGAAACAAAGGAGGAATTGACACAAATCTGTATGAGAAAGACATGT
CTGGACATTGTAAGTTGTGATCCAAGTTGGTTGCTGTGGAGAAACAGA
AGTGGAAAGTGAGAGAGCAATGTGATCTCAAGAAGGGTCTGCAGATAAAGA
ATGAAGGACAATGCAAGTCTGGTGTGCGGTGATGAAAAGAAAACAGAG
GAGATAACTGAAGAGACGGACAATCTGAAAGTGAAGTGGTGTGATGATTG
CAAATCTCTTGTGGAACTGGTTGAAGCAAGAAGGGTCTCTAGTT
TGGTCAATGTTGTGGAGAGTGGTGAATCCGGTCAAGCTGTTGCGCAAGTCC
AAGGAGGGAGAGATAGTGAAGAAGTCTAGCCAAAGCTGTTGCGCAAGTCC
AAAGTGTGTTGTATCTGACTTGGAAAGTCAAGAAACTAGAGATTGTT
GCAAAGCGAAGAAGACTCCAGAGGAGTGTGGATCTAAATGTAAGGAA
ACAGAGAAGCGTCACCACGTTGGTAAAGCTGTTGCAGGAGTTATGCAAA
AGAGTATTGCAGCCACAGGCATCACCACCACCACCACCATGTTG
GGGCTGCTTGA

SEQ. ID. No. 4

>clone#71-prot (fragment of potential Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPase)
MASLSSCKKSNNDMKMKGGSSCCASKNEKLKEAVVAKSCCEDKEKTEGNVEMQIPNLEKG
SQKKVGETCKSSCCGDKEKAKETRLLIASEDPSYLEKEERPNYXKLTLXPVKQSCKEKA
LDIETGVTCDLKLVCCGNIEVGEQSDLEKGMLKGEQCKSDCCGDEIPLASEEDSVDCS
SGCCGNKEELTQICHEKTCLDIVSCDSKLVCCGETEVREQCDLKKGQLQIKNEGQCKSV
RCGDEKKTEEITEETDNLKSESGDDCKSLCCGTGLKQEGSSSLVNVVVESGESGSSCCSK
EGEIVKVSSQSCCASPDSVVLSDLLEVKKLEICCKAKTPEEVRGSKCKETEKHHVGKSC
CRSYAKEYCSHRHHHHHHHVGA

SEQ. ID. No. 5

>clone#10 (metallothionein type 3)
 GGCACGAGGGAAACATACACAAGAACTAAAACAATCTTCAAGCTTTTT
 CTTCTAAAAAAACCAATCATGTCGGACAAGTGCAGAAGCTGCGACTGTTG
 TGACAAGACCCAGTGCAGCACGAAGAGTACCAAGCTACACCTGGACATGG
 TCGAGACTCAGGAGAGCTACAAGGAGGCCATGAACATGGACGTTGGTCA
 GAAGAGAACGGGTCAAATGCATGTGCGGCTTACCTGCAGCTGCGTCAA
 CGGCACTTGCAGCCCCAACTAAAAGAAAAGGCCTCAAAGACCTAAAAC
 AGGGCCATTCTCTTTCTCTTTATCAAATGTAATATGAATAAAAAG
 TAGATGTGAGGCCACATCTCTCTCTTATTATATGTAATTCAAGACTCT
 CTACTATGGCGTGATGTAATTGGTTATGGCCCTTATCCTCTAATATAC
 ATCATCTTATGATCTAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
 AAAAAAAA

SEQ. ID. No. 6

>clone#10-prot (metallothionein type 3)
 MSDKCGSCDCDKTQCVKSTSYTLDMVETQESYKEAMNMDVGAEEENGCKCMGSTCSCVNNGTC

SEQ. ID. No. 7

>clone#51 (metallothionein type 3)
 GGCACGAGGAGAACTCGAACATACACAAGAACTAAAACAATCTTCAAGC
 TTTTTCTCTAAAAAAACCAATCATGACTGACAAGTGCAGAAGCTGCGA
 CTGCTGACAAGACCCAGTCCGTCAGAAGAGTACCAAGCTACACCTGG
 ACATGGTCGAGACTCAGGAGAGCTACAAGGAGGACATGAACATGGACGTT
 GTTGCAGAAGAGAACGGGTGCAAATGCAAGTGCAGCTTACCTGCAGCTG
 CCTCAACTGCACTTGCAGCCAAACTAAAAGGACCTAAAAAGGGGG
 CCATTCTAGTTCATCTTGTCAAATGTAATATGAAATAAAAGTTGA
 TGTGAGCCACATCTCTCTTATTAAAATGTAATTCAAGACTCTTCACTA
 TGGCGTGATGTAATTAGTTATGGCCCTTATCCTCTAATATACATCAT
 CTTATTATCTATTAAAAAAA

SEQ. ID. No. 8

>clone#51-prot (metallothionein type 3)
 MTDKCGSCDCADKTQSVKKSTSYTLDMVETQESYKEDMNMDVVAEEENGCKCKCGSTCSCLNCTC

SEQ. ID. No. 9

>clone#167 ((metallothionein-like protein type 2)
 GGCACGAGGTTCGAATTCTAGAGAAAATGCTTGTGGAGGAAACT
 GTGGTTGGGATCTGGCTGCAAGTGCAGCAACGGATGCGGAGGTTGCAA
 ATGTAACCCAGACTGGGTTCTCTGGTGAAGACCACCAACCGAGACTCT
 TGTCTCGCGTTGCCCGCGATGGACTCCCAGTACGAGGCTTCCGGCG
 AGACCTTCGTTGCCGAGAATGATGCTGCAAATGCGGATCTGACTGCAAG
 TGCAACCCCTTGTACCTGCAAATGAACAACCCATAAACCTAAGAGTCTGC
 AAATAACCCATAATGTTATGTTAGGCTGGTTATGTGTAATAATGGCTGATT
 TCGCCGGTTGTTTGCCGGTCTCTCTTCTGCTGTTGTTTATG
 GTTGGTCATAANATATCGCTGCACGTTTATCTATGTGACTATATAATC
 AAATATTATTATGGTTGTTTCNAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

SEQ. ID. No. 10

>clone#167-prot ((metallothionein-like protein type 2)
 MSCCGGNCGCGSGCKCGNGCGGCKMYPDLGFSETTTETLVLGVAPAMD
 SQYEASGETFVAENDACKCGSDCKNPCTCK

10/14

SEQ. ID. No. 11

>clone#213 (metallothionein-like protein)
 GGCACGAGGGCAAAAGAAGAACATCANACAACAAACTACAAAGTTAAT
 CAAAGACAAGTAAGAGAAACAATGGCCGGTCTAAATGTGGTGACTCTTG
 GAGTTGGCAGATGAACACTACAACACGGAGTGCAGCAGCTGAGCTGTGGAT
 CAGACTGCANCTGTGGGTCTNAACTGCAACTGTTGANAAATNGTGGTTAA
 AATCACATGTATGCAGGAAAAACTGGGAAAAATATGTTAANANATCCGN
 GTGTGTTTGAAATAATTCTCTTNACCTTGACTTATTCTGCTTGTATT
 TNTNCTGTTNGTTGA

SEQ. ID. No. 12

>clone#213-prot (metallothionein-like protein)
 MAGSKCGDSWSCEMNYNTCDSCSCGSDCXCGXNCNC

SEQ. ID. No. 13

>clone#159 (heat shock transcription factor)
 GGCAGGAGGCTGAAGTGTCCAATTGAAACTTTCTTGGTCTCAAGTCT
 CTTTGTCTGTTTTCTGAGTGGTCTGTGAATTGTAAGCTTTGTTAA
 CAGTAAGAGTTGAGAAAATTGTTGAGAGATGGATGAGACTAAT
 CATGGAGGTTCAACAAGCTCACTCCCACCTTCCTCACCAAAACATATGA
 GATGGTTGACGACTCTCATCGGACTCAATCGTCTCGTGGAGGCCAGAGCA
 ACAAGAGCTTCATCGTTGGAATCCTCAGAGTTTCCAGAGATCTTCTT
 CCGAGATTCTCAAGCACAACACTCTCAAGCTTATCCGTCAAGCTTAA
 CACATATGGTTTAGAAAATCTGATCCCGAGCAATGGGAATTGCGAACG
 ATGATTCGAGAGGCCAACCTCATCTGATGAAGAACATTACAGACGC
 AAACCAGTTCACAGCCACTCTTACCTAATCTCAAGCTCAGCAAACCTCC
 GTTGACGGATTGGAGCGACAGAGGATGAATAACCAAATCCAGAGACTA
 CAAAGAGAAAAGAAGGACTGCTCCAAGAGTTACAGAAACAAGAGGAGGAG
 CGTGAAGGGTTGAGCAACAAAGTTAAAGAGCTAAAGATCGTTACAAACA
 CATGGAGAAGCGTCAGAAGACGATGGTTCGTATGTCAGGTATTGG
 ATAACCCA

SEQ. ID. No. 14

>clone#159-prot (heat shock transcription factor)
 MDETNHGGSTSSLPPFLTKTYEMVDDSSSDSIVSWSQSNSKFIVWNPEFSRDLPLRFFK
 HNNFSSFIQLNTYGRKSDEQWEFANDDFVRGQPHLMKNIHRRKPVHSLSLPNLOAQO
 TPLTDSERQRMMNNQIQRLTKEKEGLLQELQEEEREGFEQQVKELKDRLOHMEKRQKTM
 VSYVSQVLDKP

SEQ. ID. No. 15

>clone#27 (putative glucosyltransferase)
 GGCACGAGGGTGGTCAGACCTTCAGAGGGAGGCAAAACTCCCCATTAGGGTA
 TCTTGAGACAGTGAATAAGACAAGAGCTTGGTCTTGAATGGAGTCCTC
 AGCTTGAAGTTTATCCAACAAAGCCAGTGGACGGATCAACCGATGAACCG
 CAAAGTACATACAAGATGTGTGGAAGTGTGGAGTGTGTGAAGAGATAGAC
 AAAGAAAGTGGGATTGCCAAGAGAGAGGAGATTGAAATTAGTATAAAGGA
 ACTGATGGAAGGAGAGACGAGCAAAGGGATGAAGGAAAACGCAAAGAAAAT
 TGAGAGACTTGGCTGTCAAGTCACTCAATGAAGGATGCTCTACAGATAT

SEQ. ID. No. 16

>clone#27-prot (putative glucosyltransferase)
 SFTIQQSQWTDQPMNAKYIQDVWVKCGVRVKIDKESGIAKREEIEISIKEVM
 EGETSKGMKENAKKLRLAVKSLNEGCSTD

SEQ. ID. No. 17

```
>clone#50 (transcription factor II)
GTAGGGTACAAACGGGGACTCCGAGTAGTCGCTCTCGATCCCTTCTTC
TCCCGGCAAAATCCGCTAAACTCTCTCCTCAGCATCGATTGCCCTCG
TCTCAGCTCAATTCTCTACGTTTACGTTACTGCTCGTTAGAACCTT
CACTTGAGTACTTGGTGGGGAGAGATGAATCACGGCCAACAATCTGG
CGAGGCAAAGCATGAAGATGACGCTGCCCTACAGAGTTCCCTGGCTCTC
TTATGGATTATACTCTACTATTCTGATGATCTAGTGGAGCACTACTTG
GCTAAGAGTGGGTTCACTGCCCCGACGTTGATTAATAAGGCTAGTTGC
TGTGGCTACACAAAAGTTGCTGATGTTGCCAGCGACGCCCTTCAG
CACTGCAGGCTAGACCAGCACCCAGTTGTAACACAAAAACAGCAA
GGATAAGCGTTGATATTGACAATGGAAGACCTTCAAAAGCTTGCCTG
AGTACGGTGTGAACGTGAAGCATCCAGAAATACTTGTGATAGCCCTTCG
ACCGGAATGGATCCTGCGACAAGGGACGAAATAGAAACCTGAGGAAGTCTT
TGCCTAGAAAAGGATGATCATGTATGTGAGATCCGTGATTTCTATCGTGT
TTCAGTTAAAACAAACAAAACCTCAATTCTATTCTAGTCACCAGTTACGT
GTATATTGCTTTGTTGCTTCTTGACTTGCCTCTGGTTTCCTAC
AACACTTATCTTCATTCTGTAAGTCTCAAATCGTGATAATAAGATAA
GTATCCTTATGAGTTTAAAA
```

SEQ. ID. No. 18

```
>clone#50-prot (transcription factor II)
MNHGQOSGEAKHEDDAALTEFLASIMDYPTIPDDLVHYLAKSGFQCPD
VRLIRLVAVATQKFVADVASDAPSALQARPAPSC
```

SEQ. ID. No. 19

```
>clone#169 (S-adenosyl-L-methionine: salicylic acid carboxyl methyltransferase-
like protein)
GGCACGAGGTAATTCTCCTCTAATCCTATCACTAATTGATAAGTACGATA
CAAAAATGGATTCAAGATTATCGACACCATCCCTTGAGCTATAT
TAATGACGATAAGAGTGTGATGAAATATGCGTTGTGAGAGCTTACGTA
TGAGTGGTGGTGTGAGGACCAACAGCTACTCCGCCAATTCTCTTCAG
AGAAGAGTTTATCAATGCCAACACAGTATTGGTAAAATACACAGAAGA
ATGATGATGAACTTAGACTTTCAAAGTACATCAAAGTTGCTGAATTGG
GTTGTTCTCGGGACAAACTCATTCTGGCTATCTTGAGATCATCAAT
ACCATCAATATGTTGCGCAACAATCGAACCAAAACCCACGAAATCGA
TTGTTGTCGAAATGATCTTCCGGAAACGATTCAACACGACCTCAAGT
TCGTACCTTCTTCCACAAGAACGCTCATGATCAAACAGAACATCGTGT
TTCGTCATGGAGCTCCAGGGCTTCTACTCTAGGCTCTCTCGCAA
TAGCCTCCATTTCATACACTCCTCTACGCCCTTGGCTCTCAAGG
TTCCTGAACAACTCGAGAACGATGAGGAAATGTGACATAACAAGCTCA
AGTCCCTCAAAGTGCATACAAGGCTTACTTGAATCAATTCAAAGAGATT
CACCATGTTCTAAGGTTACGTTCTTGAGAAGTTGCTCTCAA
```

SEQ. ID. No. 20

```
>clone#169-prot (S-adenosyl-L-methionine: salicylic acid carboxyl
methyltransferase-like protein)
MDSRFIDTIPSLSYINDDKSDEYAFVRALRMSGGDGANSYSANSLLQRRLVLSMAKPVLV
KYTEEMMMNLDFPKYIKVAELGCGSSGQNSFLAISEIINTINMLCQQSNONPPEIDCCLND
LPGNDFNTTFKFVPFHKKLMITNRTSCFVYGAPGSFYSRLFSRNSLHFTHSSYALHWLS
KVPEQLENDEENVYITSSSPQSAYKAYLNQFQRDFTMFLRLRS
```

SEQ. ID. No. 21

12/14

>clone#92b (chl A-B binding protein)
 GGCACGAGGAAGTTATCCACTCAAGGTGGCCATGCTCGGAGCCCTAGGC
 TCGCTCTCCGGAGTTGGCCAGGAACGGAGTCAGTTCCGGAGAGGC
 GGTGTGTTCAAGGCCGGTTCGCAGATCTCAGCGAAGGAGGGCTCGATT
 ACTTGGAAACCCAAGCTTGTTCACGCTCAGAGCATTGGCGATATGG
 GCCACTCAGGTGATCTTGATGGGAGCTGTTGAAGGTTACAGAGTCGCAGG
 AAACGGGCCGTTGGGAGAGGGCGAGGACTTGCTTACCCAGGTGGCAGCT
 TCGACCCATTGGGCTCGCTACCGACCCAGAGGCCTTCGCGGAGTTGAAG
 GTCAAGGAGCTCAAGAACGGAAGATTGGCTATGTTCTATGTTGGATT
 CTTCGTTCAAGCCATCGTACCGTAAGGGACCAATCGAGAACTTGCTG
 ACCATTGGCCGATCCAGTCACAACAACGCTTGCCCTTCGCCACCAAT
 TTGGTTCCCGGAAAGTGAGCCAAGTTTATCTGTTGTAATTGTTT
 CTTGCTTCAGTCTTGAATTGAGGTGAGAGTGAGGTAAGAGGAGAAAG
 AGTAAAAGTTTGTTGATGGATGGTGGACTTCAGATGTA
 AATTGTAAGACCTTGATGGCTTATCATTAATCAAATAACTCGTTTTC
 TCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

SEQ. ID. No. 22

>clone#92b-prot (chl A-B binding protein)
 HEEVIHSRWAMLGALGVFPELLARNGVKFGEAVWFKAGSQIFSEGLDYLGNPSLVHAQ
 SILAIWATQVILMAGEGYRVAGNGPLGEAEDLLYPGGSFDPLGLATDPEAFELKVKE
 KNGLAMFSMFGFTVQAIVTGKGPPIENLADHLADPVNNNAWAFAATNLVPGK

SEQ. ID. No. 23

>clone#65b (photosystem I subunit)
 GGCACGAGGCATTGTCAAGGCTGGCCCATTAAGGAACACTCCTTACGCC
 GGCTCCGCTGGCTTTGGCCGCAGCTGGACTCGTAGTCATCCTCAGCAT
 GTGCCTCACCATCTACGGGATCTCTTCAATGAAGGAGACCCTTCGA
 TCGCACCGAGTTGACTTGACCGGACGGAAGAACGAGCAGCCTGACCAGCTT
 CAGACTGCTGACGGATGGCTAAGTTACCGGAGGGTTCTTCGGTGG
 GATCTCTGGCGTGAATTGGCTTACTCCTCTACGTTCTTGACCTTC
 CTTACTACGTCAAATGAATGTTAGGAAATATATGAGGTGACTTTCA
 ACTCTCTCTGCATCTTGTCTTGTCTGATCAAATCTTGAA
 TCTTAAGGGAAATGATTAATGTATATTACTATGGATCTTCTTAACATT
 AATAATTATATTGCCCTGAAAAAA

SEQ. ID. No. 24

>clone#65b-prot (photosystem I subunit)
 HEAFVKAGPLRNPYAGSAGSLAAAGLVVILSMCLTIYGISSFNEGDP
 APSLTLTGRKKQPDQLQTADGWAKFTGGEEEGGISGVWAYFLYVLDLP
 YYVK

SEQ. ID. No. 25

>clone#82 (40S ribosomal protein)
 GGCACGAGGCAGCGACGAAGCTCTGCAACAACAATGGCGACTCAGATCAG
 CAAAAAGAGAAAGTTCTGCTGGCGATGGTTCTACGCGGAGCTAAACG
 AGGTCTCTGACAAGAGAGCTCGTGAAGATGGTTACTCTGGTGTGAGGTC
 CGTGTCACTCCATCGTACCGAAATCATCATCAGAGCCACTCGTACTCA
 AACAGTTCTCGGTGAGAAGGGTAGGAGAATCATAGAGTTGACATCAGTG
 TCCAAAAGAGATTCAAATTTCCTCAGGACAGTGGTGGAGCTTACGCTGAA
 AAA

SEQ. ID. No. 26

>clone#82-prot (40S ribosomal protein)
 MATQISKKRKFVADGVFYAELNEVLRELAEDEGYSGVEVRTPMRTEIIIRATRTQNVLG
 EKGRIIELTSVQKRFKFPQDSVELYAEK

13/14

SEQ. ID. No. 27

>clone#79 (unknown protein)
 GGCACGAGGCCTCGCGAACATTGGCACGAGGGAAAGTTAGTAAGAAAATC
 AAACCCTTGCAGGCAGCTGGAGATAAGAAGCAGATTGTTACCAAATGT
 TTTCTGGAACAAGACTTGTGAAATAGGTGGAATCTGGTTGGTTTTGA
 GGTATTCAATCAAATCTAACACACTCAAAGATGGGATGTGTTCTTCTG
 CTTCCGTGTCAGACATTGATGAGTACATGAATCCAAGTAGCTCTGTAT
 ATAGGAACGTGCCCTGCATTAGATGCCCTGCTCATATAATTCTCTAACCTG
 TATATCAGGGTATTCAAGGAGAGGGAAACCCGATCTCTCCCGTCATCAGT
 TCAAGCGACTGCATCGATAACTCGTCTCTTCCACGATAACTTCTGT
 CTGAAGCATTCCGTTCAACTCCGAGACCTCTGCCCTACGATGCTGATCCA
 AGATAACATCCGCTCACTCGTCAAGAAGAGAGAAAGGTTCTAGCCATTC
 CCATGAGGAAGCTGAGCCTCTAAGAAGCAGGGCTGCAGCTGCCGATTCCG
 AATCTTCAGAGGATGCAGCAAATGGGAAACAACAAATCCGACAAAGAT
 GCCAAAGAAGACTACTCTAGTAAATCTAGTCTCAGGAGTTGAAATCAA
 GTCAATGGTTGACACTGAAAGCATTTATGTATTGCTGAAGATGAAGATG
 TGTGTCCTACTTGTCTGAAAGAATATACATCAGAGAATCCAAGAATTGTA
 ACAGAAATGCTGTCACCATTCCATCTGGTTGCATTTATGAATGGATGGA
 GAGAAGTAAAAGTGTCTGCTGCCGAAAGGTGATGGAGTTAACGAAA
 CACCTTGATCATCGATCATTGATCTGTCCTGTATCTCAACTGAAACCG
 GGGAAAGATGAAGATGACAAGGCATTGCAAAGGAGATGTTTGTAAATT
 GGCTTGTGGTTGTGAATAATTGTCATGACAATGGTAAATATATGAAG
 CAGAAAGGGAGAAAATATGTCCTCTGCTTTCAACAGTTACGACATT
 GGATATCTTAAATATTAAATTACGAAATAATAATATCAACAAAGAGACAA
 GAAAAATACGTTGTTAGGTA

SEQ. ID. No. 28

>clone#79-prot (unknown protein)
 MGVSSCFRVQDIDEYMNPPSSVYRNCPICRCLAHNFLNLYITVFRRETRSLPSSVQAT
 ASITSSSFHDNFLEAFRSTPRPLPYDADPRYIIRSLVSRREKGSSHSHEAEPLRSRGDA
 ADSESFRGCSKVGNNKSDKADEDYSSKSSLRISKSKSMVDTESTIYVLSEDEDVCPTCLE
 EYTSENPKIVTKCCHHFHLGCIYEWMERSENCVPGKVMEFNETP

SEQ. ID. No. 29

>clone#62 (unknown protein)
 GGCACGAGGCCTCAAATCAGATCGGTTCCATGGCTGCAGCTGCTAACACC
 GCGCCATTTGCCTCTCTCGCAGCCTTATCCTCTAAAGCAGTT
 TTTGTACAGCTCAGCGATTGGTCAAATACAAAGGAGATTCCAAGGAGGA
 AACTTGATCTGCAAGTAAAGCTGTTGCCACGACTCTTACACCCCTTGAA
 GAGACCAAAGAATATAAGCTACCTTCATGGCAATGTTGAGATGGGAC
 AGCTCTGTACTGGAAACCATGAACGGTCTCCCTCAACCGCAGGAG
 AAAAGTTGAAGCTATTCTATAATCCAGCTGCAACCAAACACTCACTCTAAC
 GAAGACTATGGAGTTGCTTCAACGGAGGATTAACCAACCAATCATGTTG
 GGTGGGAAACCAAGAGCAATGCTTAAGAAAGATCGAGGCAAAGCCGATT
 TCCCATTACACTATGCAGATTGCAATTCTCTAACGACGCTGTGAATTG
 TATTCTCGTTACCAATGGCGTGGACTGGGACGGTCCATACAGACTTCAG
 TTTCAGTCCCAGCGATGCCAACAAACCTATCGAGTTCTCAATGAAAG
 GTCTAGCGAAAGAGTTGAGCCAAGACGGAGCTGCCAGAGAGCAATATT
 CCTGACTCGAACCTAGTGGCACGGGGTGCACATGATGCCAACCTGAC
 GGTGGAAGGAGGAGATAGATGCAATCTGGATTGGTTCTGGGTGCATGG
 ATACAAATTGCGAACATTCAACCGTTGCTAATGTTGATGATGGCTCC
 TGTCCTCGACTTATGATGAAATAGAGCTATAGCATTGTTCTT
 ATGTAATATATGAACCCATATGTTAAATACAGTACGTAGTATTGAAATT
 TAAATATGTATACATGTGGTAATTGTTGGGTTTACTATTATATAAGAA
 GCTTCACAATCAA

SEQ. ID. No. 30

>clone#62-prot (unknowm protein)
 MAAAANTAAIFASPSQPLSSKSSFLYSSAIGQIQRFFRRKLDLQVKAVATTLP
 EYKLPSWAMFEMGTAPVYWKTMNGLPPAGEKLFYNPAATKLT
 QSCVVGNEQCLRKIEAKPILPFTLCRFAFLSTL

SEQ. ID. No. 31

>clone#215 (unknown protein)
GGCACGAGGCATCCAAGTCCCAGGAGAAATCGATCGTAGCTCGTGCCTTC
CGCTTTATAAAATCGCATCTCGACAGGGAGAAAAGTCGTTGCCTTC
CTCAAAATCTCCAATTCTCGTTCAATTCCGTTAATTTATCGTTCAC
CGAACGCACGTCGAAACCTATAACCCAATTGGTTTGCGGGTCAACT
TCAGCTTCGAGTTATCTAGGGTTCTGTATCTGAATCTGTGGAGAANAAA
CCCTTCTTGTGGGGTTACCTAAATTCTGAATCAGAGCTTAAAAGG
GACAGCTTTATTGTATGGAAGGTCTCTGCACTAAACTACATATTGAT
ATGGAGGCACAAATTCACTCAACTGAGCAGGAAGCGTATACTGCTGTTT
AAGGGCTTCAAAGCCAGTCAGATGCTATTCTGGACAAGGAAAGCT
TGATAACACAGCTGCCAAAGAATTGAGAGTATCTGATGACGAACATCGG
GAGCTGCTGAGTANGTCAAATAAGGACGATACTATCCAAGGATTACG
GATTGGAGACCANGGAGGCGGAAGTCNAAGTCCNAGACATGCAGCTATT
CAGCCTTNTGAATGTNGGNTC

SEQ. ID. No. 32

>clone#215-prot (unknown protein)
MEAQIHOLEQEAYTAVLRAFKQDAISWDKESLITERKELRVSDEHR
ELLSVK

SEQ. ID. No. 33

>clone#114 (metallothionein-like protein)
GGCACGAGGGTGAATTCAGCTCAAATCTACGACTGAAAAACTCATTTC
CATTGTTTGTAAAGCTACTGTTAAAGCACTTATCAGAATGGACTCATG
TTGCAAAAAAGTTCTTCCGACTCGAGCTGCAGCGCCAAGGCCACTACAA
ATTGCATTGTGTCCAGAATTCAAACAAATGCCCTGCTGTGATAACAA
TCAGAGTGTGCTGCAAGCAGGCGAATTCTCTGCTGCACCAAGTACAAATAA
TTCAAGCGGCTGTTCAACCAGGCTAAACAGTGTGCTTAAGTAGATGT
TTGTCAACTATGATTCAACATTGGACTGATTACTTCGATCTCGTT
TGTACGAGTACAAAGTAATATATGTATTCTTAATTCTATAAGAATTTC
CTGGATCATCAACATGCATATAAATTATATGTGCTTCGGCTATGTAA
AGTGAACGCAGATGGGTACAATAAGTTCATGACTGCTTCTTACTAGA
GAGGAAAAATGATGATGTTCAAGCATAGCTGCTAGACCTACATAATATT
GTAATAAAATAAACACAAAATGTTAAATATATTGTACCTTACCAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

SEQ. ID. No. 34

>clone#114-prot (metallothionein-like protein)
MDSCCKKVSSDSSCSAKPTTNCICVQNSNKPCCDNKSECCCKQANS CCT
STNNSSGCSNQAKTCCSK